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Syria eases its ban on Jews

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

Information received here indicates that Syria may have lifted some of the restrictions imposed on the 4,500 Jews who live in that country.

This may include freedom to travel inside Syria where Jews hitherto have been confined to ghettos in Damascus and other towns, but not to leave the country, sources here said.

The Foreign Ministry and various agencies concerned with the condition of Jews in Arab countries are seeking confirmation and further information.

Reports from Paris and a dispatch published in the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Qabas said that the Syrian government has decided to permit Jews to travel, own property and work freely in Syria and otherwise enjoy the same privileges of other citizens. According to the paper, the decision was based on the findings of a high level committee named to examine the condition of the Jewish community.

Freedom to emigrate is not included, although sources here said that Syrian Jews would probably leave en masse if allowed to and that temporary "absorption centres" could be opened in Europe. About 300 Jewish women in Syria reportedly have requested exit visas because of the shortage of Jewish men of marriageable age. Emigration would provide their only chance to start a family.

Jewish Agency officials said that the world-wide publicity given accounts of the condition of Jews in Syria may have prompted the Damascus regime to ease up on its restrictions. This is also viewed here as a step in coordination with the current Syrian-Egyptian peace offensive intended to promote an image of Arab moderation.

Nevertheless, relatives of Jews in Syria are expected to increase their pressure on Syrian authorities through channels to lift all restrictions on Jews including the denial of emigration.

Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his predecessor, Golda Meir, leave meeting of Labor Party which discussed future of government. He now heads a caretaker government until elections in the spring. (Religious News Service)

May 17 election launches political warfare in Israel

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

The governing Labor Alignment and the Likud agreed that the Knesset election should be May 17. The Alignment had originally planned to introduce a bill to hold the elections May 31 and Likud had recommended May 3.

All bills to terminate the current Knesset and to decide to hold the election earlier than November, 1977 were discussed in the Knesset.

President Ephraim Katzir continued meeting with leaders of various political parties. He met with the Independent Liberal Party and with the National Religious Party last week.

Meanwhile, the Labor Party is intensifying efforts to keep Mapam from leaving the Alignment. Mapam is scheduled to make a decision at its convention Jan. 31.

Premier Yitzhak Rabin is expected to meet soon with Meir Talmi, Mapam's secretary-general, and discuss the list of questions on policy that Mapam has presented the Labor Party. Mapam has said it will demand straightforward answers on Labor's position, especially on the future of the West Bank.

The Labor leadership is also engaged in the struggle between Rabin and Defence Minister Shimon Peres over who should be the party's candidate for premier. Suporters of both men are polling the 600 members of the party center who, if the election takes place May 17, will have to make a decision soon.

There have been some suggestions that former premier Golda Meir head the Labor Alignment candidates list as a unifying force. Mrs. Meir is more popular now than when she was in office.

Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban, expressing confidence that he could provide the unifying spirit needed by Labor to win, declared on a television interview that he regards himself as a serious candidate for the office of premier.

But most political observers discounted Eban's chances. They see Peres posing the most powerful challenge to Rabin's leadership.

Peres, who has not concealed his intention to try to unseat Rabin, met with Menachem Begin, leader of Likud's Herut faction, and will meet later with Simcha Ehrlich, head of the Liberal Party wing of Likud.

Mapam, meanwhile, implied strongly that if Peres is chosen to head the Labor Party list on election day, it would quit the Labor Alignment.

Naftali Ben-Moshe told a meeting of Mapam's political committee that the next prime minister "must be chosen in consultation with us." He demanded that Labor assure its Alignment partner that Peres, a hardliner on territorial concessions, will not be Labor's choice.

But Mapam Secretary-General Meir Talmi stressed that the party was presenting no ultimatums.

Apart from its opposition to Peres, Mapam wants Labor to introduce language into its platform indicating readiness for significant territorial concessions in all areas, including Judaea-Samaria, as part of an overall peace settlement with the Arabs and a readiness to negotiate with any Palestinian group that recognizes Israel's right to exist within secure boundaries.

Entebbe raid not mentioned in CBC list

TORONTO [Staff] —

"Consistently incredible, astounding and astonishing" was the reaction of community leaders and some viewers to the omission of the Entebbe rescue from CBC-TV News 90-minute look at the past year.

Entitled Reflections '76, the show had film highlights of 1976 along with reports by its correspondents. Besides showing what CBC editors considered the major stories of the year, the program had film on such phenomena of 1976 as punk rock, video games and CB radios. And there was film on people who passed away during the year such as Viscount Montgomery, Andre Malraux and Paul Robeson.

David Halton reported on Mideast developments, but made no mention of Entebbe. There was not even a snippet of film of the raid which rates near the top of polls of top news events of '76.

CBC Public Relations said it received a couple of calls of complaint on the omission of Entebbe.

The Canadian Jewish News called TV-News Executive Producer George James, the man responsible for the show, but he did not answer the reporter's calls. His secretary assured the reporter he had received the message.

(Just as The CJN was going to press Tuesday, a copy of that day's Toronto Sun arrived featuring a bylined article by Editor-in-chief Peter Worthington entitled "Why did CBC skip Entebbe?", which he labels "one of the milestone events of our times."

(He calls the oversight "difficult to excuse" and deals with the significance of it as a blow against international terrorism. "Ramifications aside, it was one hell of a news story — the most spectacular of its type since World War II," he continued.

(Again Tuesday, The CJN tried to contact the producers of the show, but was unsuccessful.)

End of Israel still Arab aim

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

The "Voice of Palestine", in a broadcast over Radio Damascus following the meeting in Cairo of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Syrian President Hafez Assad, declared that the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian Arab people means the elimination of Israel, an English translation of the Arab broadcast said today.

The translation was made available to the media here by the Israel embassy which said that "in case there are any lingering doubts in anyone's mind as to what the Arab leaders mean when they speak of 'the restoration of Palestinian rights' here is the latest authoritative definition, given in a commentary," on the official Syrian broadcasting station.

In the joint communique (following the Sadat-Assad talks) the translation reads "we find some very clear expressions that are significant, particularly from a long-term point of view. For the language of this communique is directed not at the Israeli conquest of 1967 but beyond that, it being pointed out that the meeting between the two presidents took place 10 years after 1967 and 30 years after the usurpation of the rights of the Palestinian people.

"The Arabs, in other words, are going to hand Israel an account that will include not only Jerusalem, Nablus, Gaza, Sinai and Golan— but first of all, Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jaffa and Nazareth. The Arabs will demand not just the West Bank and the Gaza Strip but their rights in all their lands occupied since 1948.

"The slogan of the restoration of the rights of the Palestinian Arab people and the slogan of the liberation of Palestine — that is, the elimination of Israel — have one and the same meaning, and not two contradictory meanings," the Voice of Palestine declared on the Damascus Radio.

College graduates face poor prospect for employment

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Rising unemployment in the United States is affecting Jews, though at a generally lower rate than for the overall population. But Jewish college graduates, particularly in the liberal arts, continue to face very bleak job prospects, according to a follow-up survey by Jewish vocational agencies.

One of the key findings of the first survey, made under auspices of the Jewish Occupational Council during the 1975 trough in the post-1973 recession, was that new college graduates with no experience were generally unable to find jobs. That survey covered 11 cities, home of more than 90% of American Jews.

The second survey, made last September and October at a time when the economy was again faltering after a brisk recovery, indicated little or no improvement in job prospects for liberal arts college graduates, a field of study historically attracting many Jewish youth. Both surveys were made at the request of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency.

The second survey covered 14 United States cities and one Canadian city, Toronto. In the interim between the two surveys, the JOC was re-named the National Association of Jewish Vocational Services. The new survey was directed by Robert Cherniak, who was named NAJVS executive director last May. Cherniak told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that the survey was made by questionnaires and covered conditions for all of 1976.

Most severely affected among Toronto Jews are recent high school and college graduates, older persons and immigrants, the JVS there reported. Government funding cutbacks and the poor economic situation "has severely limited opportunities" for recent college graduates, particularly in the social sciences, teaching and nursing professions, with little improvement seen in the immediate future.

In the second study, the job agencies were asked to provide figures on Jewish unemployment, relative to general joblessness in their cities. Ten of the reporting job agencies provided percentage comparisons. Two reported general jobless percentages and described Jewish unemployment at "substantially less" and "much less" than general joblessness in their areas.

Gray is sceptical

Anti-boycott plans are said imminent

OTTAWA [Staff] —

Sources in the federal Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce say the government's anti-boycott guidelines will come into effect sometime this month. But Herb Gray, who has charged that Ottawa has been lax in implementing the measures, says he has no evidence that this is about to happen.

Officials disclosed that the measures — announced by External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson last October — are designed to work against boycott provisions without restricting legitimate trade between Canada and the Arab states.

Gray, a onetime minister in the Trudeau cabinet, expressed some scepticism that the guidelines would be ready in January. And he added: "I can't escape the feeling that some people in the government are not all that interested in having these measures implemented in any meaningful way. I hope I'm wrong."

Blasting Trade and Commerce officials who contend that anti-boycott guidelines will set back Canadian-Arab trade relations, the Windsor West MP declared their argument was "wrong and misguided."

Meanwhile, Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce Jean Chretien told Gray in the House of Commons last month that he has ordered officials in his department "to act and implement as soon as possible the rules passed by the cabinet. I believe the orders given by the cabinet are, in the main, being followed by governmental organizations."

During the Question Period Dec. 20, Hugh Poulin, Chretien's parliamentary secretary, took issue with Gray's accusation — contained in a speech he delivered to Ottawa's Jewish Community Centre recently — that the government is continuing to provide the full range of its support and services to companies complying with the Arab boycott.

"...there have been no actual undertakings, that the department is aware of, by Canadian companies, which are contrary to government policy, that have been reported at this time. The department realizes the importance of putting into full effect practices to implement the statement of policy on international economic boycotts, as is so well recognized."

However, Poulin stressed that "the need to provide accurate guidance to the Canadian business community...is unfortunately time consuming. Officials are drawing up, as quickly as is reasonably possible, guidelines. The purpose of these guidelines is to provide direction to the Canadian business community on observance of the Canadian policy and to provide elaboration for the public on the government's position."

Concluding his remarks, Poulin — who did not reply to a call put to his office by The Canadian Jewish News — noted that Canada's policy "is to carry on trade in peaceful goods with all nations. Canada's policy with respect to economic boycotts is designed to protect Canadian companies from being forced to act by foreign regulations in a manner contrary to the best interests of Canada."

The measures, as explained by Jamieson, would apply to deals in which a Canadian firm would be required to do any of the following: engage in discrimination based on the race, national or ethnic origin or religion of any Canadian or any other individual; refuse to purchase from, or sell to, any other Canadian firm; refuse to sell Canadian goods to any country, and refrain from buying goods in any country.

The minister said the withdrawal of government support programs — such as financing, market information and the aid of trade missions — would impose "very serious hardship" on companies complying with the boycott, which is said to affect over 100 Canadian firms.

Critics such as Gray have attacked the measures for containing no sanctions against companies which are operating without Ottawa's assistance. The Toronto Star's business columnist, Jack McArthur, recently described the guidelines as "a policy which seemingly refuses to countenance any Canada-Arab dealings which discriminate against Israel or the Jews, but make sure it's neither meaningful nor enforceable."

Arab says free Quebec would recognize the PLO

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The president of the Association Quebec-Palestine, Rezeq Faraj, believes that an independent Quebec would be the first western country to grant full recognition to the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the state it hopes to form.

In a recent interview in the local weekly newspaper The Suburban, he is quoted as saying to political columnist Peter Lust: "An independent Quebec would try for better relations with the Arab world, partly because Quebeckers, who themselves are seeking freedom and independence, understand our wish for a state of our own better than the Ottawa government. Besides they need Arab oil."

Later interviewed by The Canadian Jewish News, Faraj said he based his belief on a declaration made by the Parti Quebecois in May, 1973, criticizing Israel and supporting the need for a Palestinian state. Shortly afterwards, the Canadian Arab Federation resolved to support the independence movement in Quebec. "Our ties with the PQ are based on these joint declarations."

He denies that his prediction is the result of any talks with the PQ since its election to power. He calls a statement made in The Suburban article that there "apparently exists some contacts between Pequiste officials and Kuwait leaders" false.

Lust maintains that over the years some prominent members of the PQ have regularly attended Arab Federation conferences, one of whom is now a cabinet minister. He did not name him.

The Association Quebec-Palestine, an offshoot of the Arab Federation, was formed in 1972 and occupies a rent-free office at the headquarters of the Confederation of National Trade Unions (CNTU) in east end Montreal. The CNTU, the largest trade union body in the province, made a declaration several years ago supporting the PLO.

The Quebec Federation of Labor, the second largest, has yet to officially come out in support of the PLO. The Conseil D'Enseignement Du Quebec (CEQ), the Catholic Teachers' Union associated with the CNTU, also sympathizes with the PLO. Its president, Yvon Charbonneau, after returning from an anti-Zionist conference in Tripoli, Libya, last August, urged all teachers to instruct their students in the "true meaning" of Zionism. CNTU President Michel Chartrand also attended.

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Publisher issues an apology

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The administrative director of Maclean-Hunter Ltd., publishers of such major Canadian magazines as Chatelaine and Maclean's, has apologized for an offensive reference to Jews in Florida which appeared in the December issue of its French-language monthly, L'Actualite.

In a telephone interview, Gordon Kennedy told The Canadian Jewish News from the Maclean-Hunter head office in Toronto that "at this point I can only apologize for the lapse into stereotyping and bad taste, and acknowledge an oversight in both editorial surveillance and, at our end, in administration."

The article, La Floride aux Quebecois, by L'Actualite associate editor Yves Taschereau, is about the writer's vacation in Florida where he observed the surprising number of French-speaking Quebeckers, as well as other Canadians, who had chosen to holiday or live in the state. He also chronicled how local stores, hotels and restaurants catered to the special needs of the "Floribecois," as Taschereau calls Quebeckers in Florida.

In describing Miami Beach residents, Taschereau notes that their average is 66 and they have come to "finish their days in the sun...in the shadow of their dollars."

He then goes on to say: "The great majority of these retired people is composed of rich Jews. It is not a crime to be old, or Jewish, or rich! It is not a crime to not feel at ease among these travelling jewelry stores (10 fingers, eight rings, 25 diamonds), these ladies with hair of a 'standardized' white and an aggressive tan who stroll blindly behind their sunglasses in the darkness of the chic restaurants, discussing prices in a shrill voice before ordering with the authority that implies large bank accounts."

Taschereau then writes that these people travel in large air-conditioned cars "at 25 miles an hour in 40 mile-an-hour zones" ignoring traffic regulations.

L'Actualite, subtitled Le Magazine des Quebecois, has a circulation of 250,000, almost entirely in Quebec. It began publishing in 1976 as a sort of French-Canadian version of Maclean's. Neither Taschereau nor Kennedy said he had received any complaints about the piece.

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HEROISM RECALLED

NEW YORK —

The 1976 annual award medal of the Judaic Heritage Society has been dedicated to the memory of Jonathan Netanyahu — leader of the special team which freed hostages at Entebbe airport last July.

American-born and Jerusalem-bred, Netanyahu was the sole member of the Israeli army to lose his life in the raid and his heroism was rewarded with the renaming of the historic rescue, Operation Jonathan.

A Harvard graduate, he served as a paratroop officer in the Six Day War, was lauded for his valor displayed in the Yom Kippur War and remained a professional soldier, and skilful leader until his death.

Past recipients of the award have included Senator-elect Daniel Moynihan, Senator "Scoop" Jackson, Golda Meir and former president Harry Truman.

The Jonathan medal, designed by Oscar Harris from photographs supplied by the family, is the work of sculptor Karen Worth. A limited edition of 400 medals has been struck in solid 24 karat gold and 5,000 in solid sterling silver.

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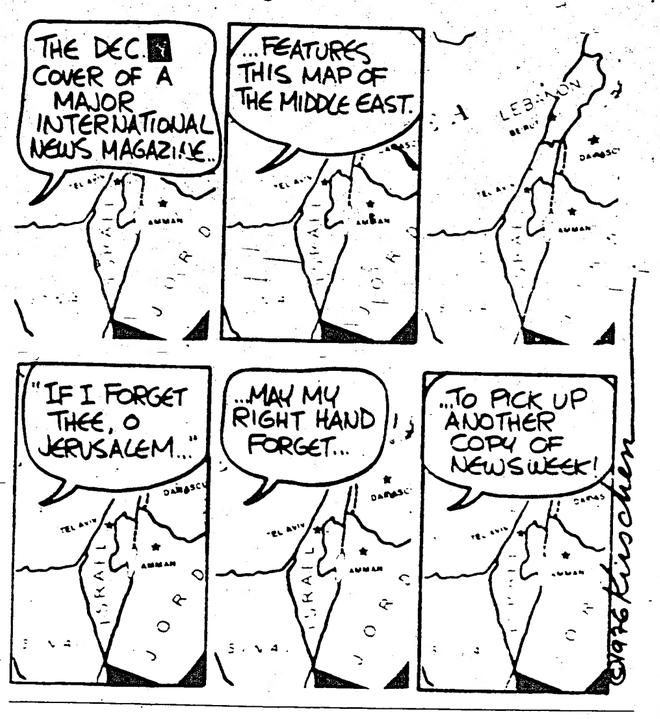
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UK supports 'land for Palestinians'

LONDON [JTA] —

Britain is now firmly committed to a "land for the Palestinians" as an essential component of a Middle East settlement.

The phrase, first used in the UN General Assembly by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Crosland is now a stock phrase in British official thinking about the Middle East.

However, Whitehall is deliberately vague about what "a land for the Palestinians" entails. As Crosland put it, it would "not necessarily be a sovereign state but a place where the Palestinians will be free to look after their own affairs."

In using this language, Britain is taking account of the complexity of the Palestinian issue, while adhering to the collective formula of its European Common Market partners.

It also maintains that an Arab-Israeli settlement must be based on what has been called "full implementation of Security Council Resolution 242 through the negotiations called for in Resolution 338."

Britain is also ready to play a role in peace-keeping or negotiations if asked to do so.

Above all, though, Britain's Middle East policy is dominated by economic calculations. Last year the area was the source of 85% of her imported oil.

Bilateral links with Middle East oil producers are particularly important in view of their holdings in sterling. Middle East sources help to meet Britain's public-sector foreign currency borrowing program and there is considerable private investment in Britain by individuals in the area.

On the trade front, the Middle East is the fastest-growing export market in the world for British companies.

Trade with Arab countries rose from 500 million pounds sterling in 1973 to nearly 1,500 million pounds sterling in 1975. This year it may exceed 2,000 million pounds sterling.

During 1975 and the first quarter of 1976, the value of British exports to Arab countries increased more than those of any other Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development exporter.

Exports to Israel are also significant: 237 million pounds sterling in 1975 and 181 million pounds sterling to the end of September, according to official quarters.

Although Britain remains publicly committed to supporting the United Nations and its charter, it is recognized that the UN's position as regards the Arab-Israeli question has further declined due to last year's resolution equating Zionism with racism, which is still condemned here without reservation.

Young Palestinian girl shouts and waves her rifle during school hours in Damour, 12 miles south of Beirut. At left is a painting of young children surrounding PLO chairman Yasser Arafat. (RNS)

Cabinet minister's suicide shakes Labor government

TEL AVIV —

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's shaky caretaker government was jolted by the dramatic suicide of Housing Minister Avraham Ofer Monday, following allegations he was involved in a corruption scandal.

The 55-year-old Labor cabinet minister accused the press of mud-slinging and called the accusations against him, in a suicide note, "slander and libel". Ofer had been involved, it was alleged, in the embezzlement of public funds while in charge of the giant Shikun Ovdim housing corporation in 1970.

A Labor spokesman suggested the suicide — just four months before crucial general elections — could trigger an upheaval in the party, although Rabin, a close friend of Ofer, did permit an independent investigation despite its serious political implications.

Meanwhile, the prime minister and other leaders reiterated in Jerusalem their refusal to negotiate with the PLO, or to cede occupied territory, following peace moves announced by Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

Anti-Israel diplomats attempted to sabotage U.S. Palestine policy

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

Elements hostile to Israel in the State Department kept both President Truman and his Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, ignorant of major developments in their "sabotage" of presidential policy on Palestine's partition in 1948, former Defence Secretary Clark Clifford says.

Shattering a public silence of almost three decades on the internecine events of the period when he was Truman's special counsel and Israel was born, Clifford said neither Truman nor Marshall were informed of the dissents by the State Department's own legal office and international security affairs division from the anti-Israel policy pursued in the United Nations and elsewhere by Department elements led by Loy Henderson, then chief of its Office of Near Eastern and African Affairs (NEA).

"From the outset," Clifford said, the NEA office "made it its business to block Harry Truman from implementing a policy that was animated by his deepest human instincts."

He said the NEA "did its best to uphold the British pro-Arab position and to thwart the president's intentions."

Clifford's statements came in his presentation to a panel on "The Palestine Question in American History" sponsored jointly at the Shoreham Hotel here by the American Historical Association and the American Jewish Historical Society.

This extraordinary union of the two organizations took place only five weeks after the State Department released its U.S. foreign relations volume for 1948 regarding the founding of Israel.

Clifford also declared that "the facts totally refute the assumption" of a school of revisionist historiography which "argues that President Truman's Palestine policy was motivated entirely by purely political considerations of wooing the Jewish electoral vote." The revisionists' argument "casts a shroud of suspicion over the Truman presidency, and portrays the birth of Israel, one of the most seminal events of modern times, as somehow illicit and ignoble," Clifford wrote in his prepared statement, for delivery to the panel.

Urge PLO presence at any peace talks

WASHINGTON [JTA] —

The American Friends Service Committee, which has long advocated support for the recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization, has arranged a nationwide conference Feb. 11-14 at the 4-H Center outside Washington as part of an extensive campaign across the country to induce President-elect Jimmy Carter and the new Congress to include the PLO in any Middle East peace negotiations. It was reported that representatives of several Jewish organizations are expected to attend the conference.

According to copies of the letter related to the Committee's continuing program, made available to the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, "the purpose of the conference is to make use of the period immediately after the inauguration when the new administration will be especially open to public opinion. We see an opportunity for the development of U.S. policy in support of all parties in the conflict, including the PLO, being included in negotiations."

An enclosure circulated with the letter announced that the Committee "will be bringing" retired Israeli Maj. Gen. Matti Peled to the U.S. for "a national speaking tour" in February. Peled has advocated that Israel negotiate with any Palestinian group that recognizes its right to exist.

U.S. policy currently bars any "substantive" contact with the PLO until it adheres to UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338. The Israeli government's official position is that it will not have dealings under any circumstances with a terrorist organization, the avowed purpose of which is to dismantle the Jewish state.

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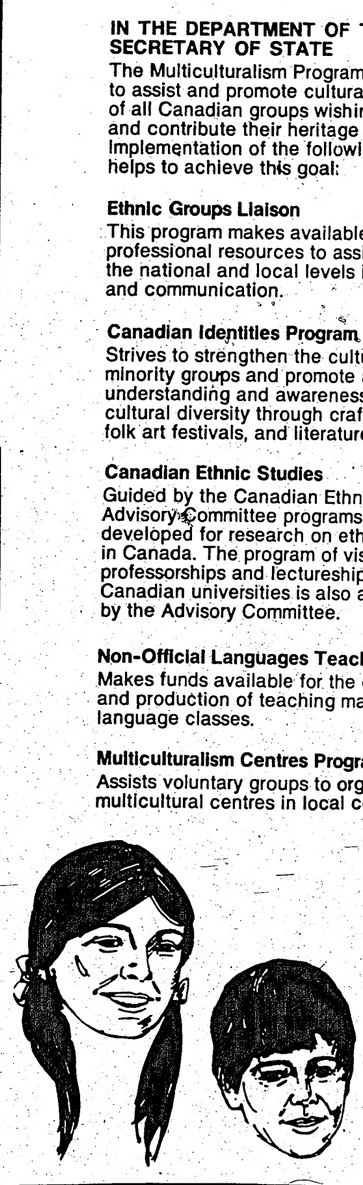

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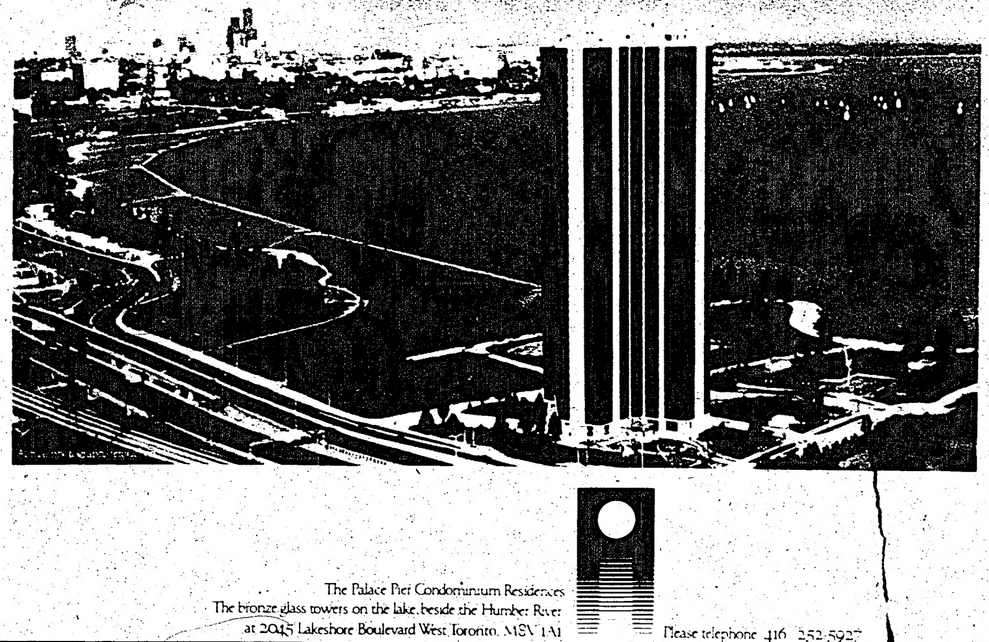

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'I didn't find any conflict between two allegiances'

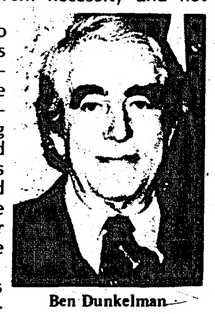
Dunkleman—a reticent hero

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

It is a magnificent sight to behold, the pristine white ravine that is something of a metaphor for the duality of Ben Dunkelman's variegated life.

The bleak winter view afforded from his midtown study is typically and quintessentially Canadian. Yet many of the objects, plaques, photos and memorabilia inside the cosy, well-lit room reveal the Jewish and Israeli essence of Dunkelman, a Canadian and Israeli war hero who still maintains that he was a soldier from necessity and not choice.



Ben Dunkelman

Dunkelman, who commanded Israel's Seventh Brigade during a portion of the War of Independence, after winning the Distinguished Service Order for his exploits in World War II, never felt like an outsider in either the Orient or the Occident.

As he puts it in his best-seller, **Dual Allegiance**: "... I was simultaneously a Canadian and a Jew, and neither as a child nor as an adult did I find any conflict between the two. One allegiance did not contradict the other, and I held both with a perfectly clear conscience."

A gangling, blue-eyed man whose weary good looks reminds a visitor of actor Jimmy Stewart, the 63-year-old native of Toronto says the book has attracted attention — and considerable sales — because it highlights two timely and sensitive subjects — Israel and the controversial concept of dual allegiance.

Since its publication late last year, Dunkelman has been interviewed a dozen times on TV and radio, and delivered lectures on his swashbuckling adventures as a major in the Queen's Own Rifles and as a senior officer in the Seventh Brigade.

Though **Dual Allegiance** has propelled him into the public eye, he remains a reticent man, saying that authorship should not be equated with public advocacy of a cause. "I'm not a spokesman for the Jewish people," remarks the man who helped break the siege of Jerusalem. "I'm not that presumptuous."

Despite the disclaimer, Dunkelman has indeed been a spokesman and defender of the faith, as his recent appearances on TV and radio — and his involvement in fund-raising drives — testify.

Dunkelman says the interviewers who have questioned him have displayed sympathy toward Israel for basically two reasons. They resent the political gangup against Israel at the United Nations, and they accept the need for a Jewish state.

While the liberator of the Galilee might be the first to deny that he is a supreme authority on Israeli history, he says he continues to be astounded by the fact that a relatively high proportion of Jews show an amazing lack of knowledge about Israel. He claims, for example, that they are unfamiliar with the long Jewish presence in Palestine, unable to defend Jewish historical rights there and unaware that the bulk of Palestinian Arabs emigrated from surrounding Arab countries as a result of Jewish settlement.

A semi-retired businessman, Dunkelman devotes much of his time these days to preparing himself for interviews and researching the War of Independence period. He is also working with his Israeli and American publishers, who plan to print **Dual Allegiance** later this year.

His study betrays his passion for Zionism and writing, seemingly his second career. It is filled with folders bulging with clippings on current events, and the walls are covered with black-and-white photos of Zionist luminaries, English statesman Arthur Balfour and a grainy newspaper photo of Dunkelman and his fellow officers accepting the Arab surrender of Nazareth. About two dozen crests of the Israeli armed forces are also displayed. On his glass-topped desk, there is a photo of his late mother, Rose, who infused him with a love of Zionism.

Since **Dual Allegiance** is an action-packed book, Dunkelman says he has thought of offering it to a producer. "It lends itself to a movie or play," he said. However, he hasn't pursued the matter, for lack of time.

In addition to his book-promoting activities, Dunkelman runs a private art gallery with his Israeli wife, Yael, caters to his six children ("an occupation in itself"), keeps in touch with Israeli leaders and serves the Weizmann Institute in a voluntary capacity. And, if he ever finds the time, he hopes to write a second book. "I would enjoy the challenge of writing an historical novel on Israel."

Dunkelman, who came close to losing his life in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, is optimistic about Israel's future. "If the world survives over the next 100 years, so will Israel," says Dunkelman, who spends about four months in that country every year. "Israel's destiny is interwoven with the world."

Coming from someone whose own life has always been bound up with the non-Jewish world, Ben Dunkelman's comment was extremely apt, a variation of the theme of dual allegiance.

John Diefenbaker presents Raymond P. Slattery of Saint John, N.B., with a certificate attesting to having been enrolled as governor of Canada Park in Israel. Presentation took place recently at home of Mitchell Franklin (left), co-chairman for special projects of the Jewish National Fund, at Saint Martins, N.B. Looking on is Leonard Kaplansky, Saint John chairman of JNF. (Jewish National Fund photo)

Dan: 'Don't appease Arabs with any land concessions'

WINNIPEG —

Israel must not give up one inch of land to appease Arabs, says the man billed as Israel's number one correspondent, Ma'ariv's Uri Dan.

Speaking to more than 400 recently at the annual dinner of Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, Dan said the Arabs are "not prepared to accept Israel within any borders...even if all lands liberated — some say conquered — by us during the Six Day War were returned to them. They believe it all belongs to them, all of Israel, altogether."

Dan, who described himself as a supporter of Gen. Arik Sharon, the man who crossed the Suez and almost destroyed the Egyptian Third Army, was introduced by Sidney Spivak as an example of the bold new leadership coming to the fore in Israel today.

A co-author of **90 Minutes at Entebbe**, Dan explained that a price, often terrible, must be paid for the privilege of having any state.

"How long did it take the Americans before they had the United States as it is today," he asked rhetorically, and added that even a brutal civil war had to be fought before a unified nation was welded from the wilderness.

"If the Jews get impatient with our continuing battles with the Arabs, if they ask 'how long will it take,' if they don't understand that 28 years is really a very short time in history, then they don't understand the rules of this hard, cruel game we are in...and we're only at the beginning."

Dan told the group at Rosh Pina Synagogue that no people does anything in masses, and Israel is no exception.

"Great things have been done by very small groups," he said. "Remember, only a few hundred men crossed the Suez Canal and changed the course of the Yom Kippur War."

Events of the past few years have taught Israel many lessons about itself, Dan said, and perhaps the most important is that the people and government should not become overconfident after success or dejected after a setback.

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Ousting of NRP

Though he risked his political career over the ousting of the National Religious Party from his shaky coalition government, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin won obvious political points by his unexpected display of decisiveness.

As he ponders the implications of his Entebbe-like decision, Mr. Rabin would do well to remember that this is not the first time the NRP has parted company with the ruling Labor Party. Although it has participated in every government since 1948, except for brief periods in opposition in 1951, 1958 and 1974, it has invariably been a source of aggravation to the prime minister of the day. Politically, the NRP is considered in many quarters to be more of a liability than an asset.

From the unresolved question of 'Who is a Jew?' to the similarly vexing question of the disposition of the occupied territories, the NRP has shown that it possesses tunnel vision. It has alienated a large section of public opinion in a country where the majority of the population is secular in orientation. The settlement program endorsed by the NRP is a source of embarrassment to its coalition partner and finds little support from the average Israeli. Expulsion of the NRP was brought about by its advocacy of Jewish settlement on the West Bank and its failure to act in accordance with the concept of cabinet solidarity.

A few days before Mr. Rabin announced his resignation and formed a caretaker regime in anticipation of a May election, NRP Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer took part in a ceremony marking the first anniversary of Gush Emunim's Kadum settlement. His presence widened the rift between Labor and the NRP, since Premier Rabin was on record that the illegal Kadum settlers must leave their encampment, located in a high density Arab area.

In an effort to justify his presence, Mr. Hammer — the youngest minister in the cabinet — claimed the government had approved the status of Kadum as a non-permanent settlement. One day later, however, Justice Minister Haim Zadok — who reportedly engineered Labor's break with the NRP — chastized his colleague for having attended the ceremony. With the NRP gone from the cabinet, the government may now be able to do what it should have done last year — evict the Kadum settlers, and set the stage for peace negotiations with Jordan.

Undoubtedly, too, the NRP's poor public image had much to do with the fact that it was an unreliable coalition partner. When two out of three NRP ministers abstained on a non-confidence motion, over a largely extraneous matter last December, their days were numbered. As Mr. Rabin said: "A cabinet which puts up with such a situation where ministers don't support it in a vote of non-confidence opts for the principle of disintegration..."

Mr. Rabin's political future is still not assured, even in the wake of his stunning moves. But, in sacking the NRP ministers, he has at least cleared part of the path for his own re-election.

Conservative claim

Conservative Judaism, the largest Jewish religious movement in the world today, has begun to assert itself as a force in Israeli religious and national affairs. After years of growth and development as a Diaspora-based religious organization, The Conservative movement in Israel has experienced a period of rapid growth over the past five years which promises an even more ambitious future.

The future role of Conservative Judaism or Hatnuah Hamesoratit (Hebrew for "The Traditional Movement"), as it is now known in Israel, was one of the main issues discussed at the World Council of Synagogues convention, held during November in Jerusalem. A groundbreaking resolution for the recognition of the rights of non-Orthodox congregations and clergy was overwhelmingly passed.

The rabbinate in Israel does not recognize the validity of such actions as divorce or various ritual ceremonies performed by Conservative rabbis, who are not sanctioned by it. The formation of Conservative rabbis to perform ritual ceremonies has most often been a very trying experience.

Neither the limited freedom of activity nor the call for recognition of the Conservatives in Israel is a new phenomenon, as both have been called for since the establishment of Conservative Jewry in Israel in 1937. Since that time, over 20 congregations have been established around the country, as well as a number of community organizations and offices serving both the Diaspora and the local Israeli membership.

What is a new development is the strength of the demand for recognition. In the past five years, the number of Conservative congregations has doubled, together with the growth of native Israeli membership and Conservative aliyah. These increasing numbers have given them increasing strength in their bid for recognition by the rabbinate and the government.

When asked why, after so many years, the Conservatives have begun to assert themselves with serious demands for freedom of activity in Israel, Rabbi Benjamin Z. Kreitman, executive vice-president of the United Synagogue of America, replied that the situation had gone far enough.

"Many of our rabbis are now living in Israel, and instead of being received with open arms, their lives are embittered. There are couples who wish to be married by our rabbis and in most cases they are denied."

The Conservatives have indeed experienced difficulty in trying to increase their role in the Israeli religious scene. Institutions and catering halls which had cooperated with the Conservatives were reportedly threatened with various sanctions, including the withdrawal of kashruth certification. But a Conservative elementary school in the Ramat Eshkol section of Jerusalem did open this year, despite strong opposition by the rabbinate and the National Religious Party, which threatened to abandon the government coalition over the issue.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs, contrary to popular conception, does in fact support certain of the Conservative activities, however the sums provided are not nearly adequate by themselves to cover operating expenses. Most of the budgets and all of the new construction costs for synagogues are covered by funds derived from the United Synagogue of America and other affiliated Diaspora groups.

Israel Press Service

Landsmanschaft

Since the end of the Second World War, Toronto has seen a prodigious increase in various landsmanschaft groups. Despite the strangeness of a new environment and difficult economic problems, Jews from widely scattered eastern European communities have banded together in this city to commemorate and celebrate common heritages. Using the names of cities from which they emerged in Europe, these fascinating groups constitute one of the most important elements in the rich mosaic which makes up Toronto.

From Kielcz and Radom and Kiev, to name but a few, these landsmanschaft organizations have made significant contributions in many areas of Jewish life. For some of their members, the association is primarily a philanthropic unit working indefatigably for UJA appeals or Israel Bond drives. Others look to the landsmanschaft structure for their prayer needs throughout the year. Since Yiddish still lives among many in Toronto, these groups provide a forum for expressing oneself, on various levels, in mamaloshen. Finally, these organizations are involved in one of the most significant mitzvahs of all, tending to burial of the dead through a number of burial societies.

It is true that the organized Jewish community has on many occasions paid tribute to the important role played by the landsmanschaft groups in Toronto.

Yet on another level we have been somewhat delinquent. Within these societies there is a rich repository of Jewish history, language, culture and civilization which has not been tapped. Members of these groups come from a Jewish milieu in eastern Europe where Jews and Judaism had reached an apogee of cultural and intellectual refinement. In the shtetlach and cities where they lived, their lives were suffused with positive Jewish values, with an appreciation for Yiddish and Hebrew literature and with a deep understanding of our religious traditions. In the landsmanschaft organizations, we possess within our midst the saving remnant of what was the most extraordinary Jewish community in history.

We must not, however, permit their heritage, their memories and their experiences, to slip through our fingers.

In Israel various university and other institutions' scholars are busy recording in tape and film the reminiscences and recollections of whole Diaspora communities from the Yemen to White Russia. Historians, linguists, folklorists and musicologists all participate in these projects to recapture the flavor of worlds gone by.

Toronto's landsmanschaft groups provide a challenge for our own researchers and students of the Jewish past. One cannot estimate the spiritual treasures that will be revealed in exploring the rich tapestry that cloaks the experiences of so many thousands of us that come from eastern Europe.

Certainly there will be some reluctance; commingled with the sweet memories there will be much pain and sorrow. But with some patient persuasion, people from different walks of life will be eager to act as witnesses as they testify to the cultural, religious and social patterns of European Jewry.

They must open their hearts to us to tell us what it was like.

Firm roots have been established in Israel by Progressive Judaism

By RITA EISENDRATH

How progressive is Progressive Judaism in Israel? After the recent Jubilee Biennial of the World Union for Progressive Judaism in Jerusalem, involving 800 delegates from 25 countries, its presence seems firmly rooted, despite the fact that its rabbis still have no civil rights.

Rita Eisendrath

They are neither permitted to officiate at life-cycle events, even in their own congregations, nor may they serve as chaplains in the Israeli army, in which they are officers.

In the early 60s, when a small congregation met in the living-room of an Orthodox couple, the landlords were taken to court for allowing irreligious activity in their home.

No prosecution resulted, the precedent was set, and other congregations began to use office-buildings, theatres and whatever space was available. Israeli newspapers belittled those places of worship, the Orthodox establishment still attempts to block Reform rabbis whenever possible, but the movement continues to grow.

Now, with 11 congregations emerging wherever interest is shown, and with the World Centre for Progressive Judaism planned for Jerusalem and the Hebrew Union College, there is more hope for recognition. Since Reform became the first religious organization affiliated with the World Zionist Organization, Israelis are now more aware of the increasing importance of the Progressive movement — a haven for many former secular Jews.

In 1964, I saw two "yeshiva-bochers" spit at the sign of a Jerusalem Reform synagogue as they passed, just one week after that sign had been desecrated by tar during the night. It was horrendous, a few years later, to see enormous boulders beside the Wailing Wall, waiting to attack delegates of a Convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, who were planning a Reform service there. However, persuaded by Knesset members and Jerusalem's mayor, the service was cancelled "to present the image of a united Jewry to the world".

The dedication of the first Reform kibbutz has challenged the Israeli government to accept the fact that the Progressive movement is in Israel to stay and will continue struggling for its rights. During the World Union Conference, Israeli leaders, including Mayor Teddy Kollek, Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol, Abba Eban, President Katzir, and Prime Minister Rabin addressed the delegates, many of whom were offended by the continuing suggestion that if their "numbers" increased, they could "demand their rights".

Rights in other religious groups within Israel never depended on numerical strength and it has always been a source of distress to both Reform and Conservative rabbis that their Christian and Moslem counterparts have more rights in Israel than do they.

However, now the fight is in the open. The first round is over. With the support of those few in the 'establishment' who strongly believe in the 1948 Declaration of Independence (with equal rights for everyone, regardless of race, religion or sex), the more than a million Diaspora Jews in the Progressive movement will help fight for their rights in the state of Israel which they already enjoy in the many countries they represent.

Letters to the Editor

'Both Hebrew and Yiddish needed to maintain culture'

Dear Editor:

A reply is in order to Professor Bar-Lewaw for his criticism of A. Bainerman's article in The CJN "Ode to Yiddish". I happened to read both articles and I cannot share your opinion, professor.

I am in agreement with Mr. Bainerman that our two sister languages, Hebrew and Yiddish, both need to be a means to maintain our existence as a Jewish nation and for the continuity of our culture. Both languages are close to my heart; Hebrew is my scholastic language, and as far as Yiddish is concerned, I am an autodidact.

When I came from Russia to Toronto, the public libraries had no Russian or Hebrew books, so I became an ardent reader of Yiddish books translated from many tongues: writers, poets and even science in every branch.

You are talking about the golden age of Spain, which was for the elite only when Yiddish was a college for our Jewish nation. We Ashkenazim had our golden era too, with great personalities. Yiddish has its own charm, juice and humor. Even Hebrew takes in now many words from Yiddish, humor.

Where does the Hebrew alphabet come from? Is it Phoenician or Sanskrit?

Jonia Jeigleman, Toronto

Dear Editor:

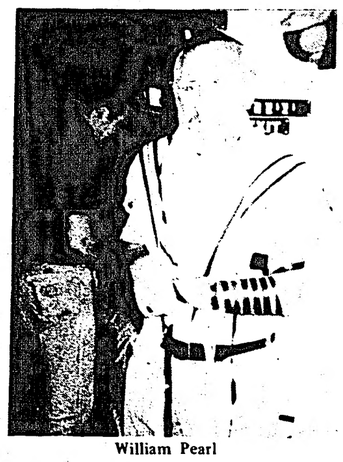
How can a man like Paul Unterberg address himself in a Jewish newspaper to the Jews when he publicly announced that he no longer considers himself a Jew. He gave up his Judaism a long time ago. And we are to follow him? Hardly a philosophy for a Jew.

M. Kantor, Hampstead

Dear Editor:

I'd like to share an incident with your readers.

I was aboard a recent El Al flight and was



William Pearl

saying a morning prayer, when a lady approached me and asked to take my picture. She promised that if the picture came out, she would send it to me. So I enclose a picture with her letter.

The letter expresses her first visit to Israel and her opinions about the current situation there. Your readers might be interested in parts of it.

"...We greatly enjoyed our tour of Israel and very much admire the spirit of the people. We hope they didn't give in an inch to the ridiculous demands of the UN. It's their land and always has been —they took it away from no one, except in the will of God and led by Him. We are hoping to go back again someday as eight days wasn't enough to really see everything. Shalom, Bill and Barbara Baker, San Diego, Calif."

William Pearl, Toronto

Rabin outfoxed by Sadat

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

If Sadat should ever tire of being president of Egypt, he would undoubtedly have a top position waiting for him on Madison Avenue.

So it seems to most Israelis as they watch Sadat run circles around Rabin in the current propaganda war between the two leaders.

Rather than taking the initiative, Israel's prime minister let the Egyptian president's peace offensive go unanswered for almost two weeks, and then lamely argued that Sadat was only rehashing old, unacceptable proposals.

Nechemia Meyers

Indeed, Sadat was mainly repackaging previously rejected schemes, and, moreover, saying one thing in English to his overseas visitors and something else again in Arabic for domestic consumption. But by the time Rabin spoke up to say so, and to reiterate long-standing Israeli peace proposals, the Egyptian head of state had already managed to convince several groups of visiting U.S. legislators and much of the world that he was a genuine, peace-loving moderate. Even Assad, who in his "moderation" has gobbled up Lebanon, has come to be regarded in the same way.

The Israel government's efforts to place the Egyptian president's peace offensive in perspective are handicapped by its preoccupation with strikes, inflation and other domestic crises, as well as by internal disagreements within its own ranks. Indeed, Rabin cannot speak without looking over his shoulder to see that he isn't being contradicted by his defence minister or his foreign minister.

Even in the best of circumstances it is difficult for Rabin to answer Sadat without appearing to be afraid of a peace settlement. For those far from the scene, it sounds "intransigent" to reject a return to the 1967 borders, though those familiar with the situation know that this would leave Israel with an indefensible 10-mile waistline (between the West Bank town of Tulkarm and the Israeli seaside resort of Netanya).

The most impressive recent presentation of the dilemma facing Israel has come not from an Israeli but from an American, R. Emmett Tyrrell Jr. Writing in the November issue of **Harpers**, Tyrrell warns America's "goody-goody Machiavellians" against automatically assuming that there are two sides to every disagreement. "This axiom did not apply to Poland's hostilities with either Germany or Russia in 1939, nor did it apply to Tibet in 1951 or to Czechoslovakia in 1968. I doubt," he adds, "whether it applies in the Middle East."

While conceding that it is perfectly reasonable for American diplomats to seek a way to end the conflict in this region, he fears that "their impatience will lead them to capitulate to some hare-brained diplomatic poultice."

This might not be so serious for the U.S., which would only be risking a loss of prestige. But for Israel, Tyrrell declares, such a "solution" would bring catastrophe.

Israelis are hoping that Jimmy Carter will listen to Tyrrell and Rabin rather than to State Department Arabists and their persuasive Egyptian friend.

Indians well integrated

By JAMES KRAUS

TEL AVIV —

Reuven Elaz paused thoughtfully when I asked him whether, as an extremely black-skinned Jew, he felt discriminated against in Israeli society. "Others may think so," he smiles slowly after a reticent moment's pause, "the sociologists, politicians and journalists. We don't."

His reply is characteristic of the attitude of Israel's Indian Jews, for the "Bnei Israel" are a reserved, quiet people who have maintained the tight family and communal ties they brought with them from India; their ultimate concern is for family feelings and opinion.

Reuven himself is a robust, 52-year-old farmer. He speaks the clipped, British-accented English he learned at school in India. His children — three slim, teenaged daughters, equally dark-skinned and dark-eyed — and his two older sons, both in the army, speak nothing but Hebrew. His mother, like the other women of her age in the community, still wears the loosely-draped silk sari. She has not managed to learn more than a few words of the language of her new country.

"It was hardest for the older people to adjust," Reuven explained. "They weren't used to the food or dry climate. In fact," he laughed, "we nearly starved the first few years. The grocery store was full of food but nobody could read the labels or knew what to do with a cup of sour cream and we couldn't find the spices we were used to.

"You couldn't really say we were discriminated against," he went on, "although I thi.. t was a shock for the European Jews when they first saw how dark-skinned we were. There was even some question of whether we were really Jews. But all that talk died out a long time ago."

The big change came for this community with the new generation that was born in Israel. Israeli schooling and three years of army service (two for girls) effectively completed their integration into Israeli society. The Indians or "Cochinkas" (Cochinese), as they are called in the army, constitute a high percentage of elite combat units in the paratroopers and infantry. They are tough, efficient and disciplined fighters. But Indian Jews still maintain a low profile in Israel and few are found at universities or among sophisticated, technically-oriented occupations.

"Yes," Reuven admitted, "it's true. But you have to understand that we're not an individual-oriented group. My father, for instance, was a shopkeeper in India. He considered it perfectly natural that I would work with him and then take over his store. Here, we've become farmers. But the children still remain extremely tied to the family and feel bound to help us with work on the farm. They would consider it selfish to go off for several years of studies and then live in a city far from us."

Recent surveys, however, show that increasing numbers of young people in Israel's Indian community are being attracted to the greater professional possibilities and more varied entertainments offered by Israel's big cities.

There are an estimated 30,000 Indian Jews in Israel, making up 1% of the country's Jewish population. Intermarriage between the different ethnic communities is also on the rise as the differences in family backgrounds blur. "I suppose that's really the way it should be," he acknowledged. "We did, after all, come here to become one people."

Jewish cowboys ride again

By R. SZKLOWIN

BUENOS AIRES [JCNS] —

Argentina's Jewish community has been established since the third quarter of the 19th century — the time when, in 1867, the ship Pampa brought the first 100 families to the country. They settled on land bought by Baron Maurice de Hirsch.

The first settlements were in the provinces of Entre Rios and Santa Fe, in the north of the country. There, the newcomers struggled bitterly against a harsh natural environment and against unfriendly people.

But in spite of these adversities, the immigrants, mostly from Eastern Europe, did not lose their spirit and with much sweat and blood managed to build their homes in the new fatherland. Their lifestyle, based largely on their religious background and practice, gradually adapted itself to that of the country. It was reflected in the work of Alberto Gerchunoff, one of Argentina's prominent writers, in the book **Los Gauchos Judios** (the Jewish Cowboys), which was later made into a film. This film was released last year and had a successful run.

The Jewish colonies grew, particularly in the present century when thousands of new immigrants from all parts of the world arrived in Argentina. These people contributed to all spheres of the nation's life, particularly in the fields of literature, poetry, theatre, medicine, engineering, journalism, agriculture, commerce and industry.

These Jewish colonists pioneered the establishment of agricultural co-operatives in the country and in other parts of South America; this success is recognized and praised by government officials. When the first-ever agricultural co-operative in the country, Fondo Comunal, in the province of Entre Rios, celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture made special mention of the contribution that had been made to the progress of the country in general and the development of agriculture in particular by the Jewish immigrants.

Although today many of these Jewish agricultural workers do not live on the co-operatives, they are still a vital force in their development.

Jewish farmers are at the present time working more than one million hectares (one hectare is equivalent to 10,000 square metres). They grow all kinds of grain and raise livestock. Fruit farms and vineyards are cultivated by them in the southern province of Rio Negro where, too, Jews were among the pioneers.

The number of Jews active in agriculture today would have been much greater had not the administrators of the early Jewish Colonization Association not encouraged sons and daughters of the pioneers to seek their livelihood away from the farms. At one time nearly 4,000 Jewish settlers were working the land. A move to bring more Jews back to the land is under way.

Jewish cowboys of Argentina pioneer establishment of agricultural co-ops in the country. This success is recognized and praised by government officials.

International picture deteriorates; is the post-war honeymoon over?

TODAY'S ANTI-SEMITISM: WHERE WE STAND

By TOBA KORENBLUM
[Last of four parts]

South Africa – Right-wing whites are stepping up their attack on the community's 117,000 Jews. One TV announcer for South African Broadcasting Co. quoted approvingly to his audience from the "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," while the right-wing editor of The Observer attacked the Jewish community here for its links to Israel, warning of a world-wide Zionist conspiracy.

France – In recent months there has been an upsurge of anti-Semitic acts, including the destruction of the B'nai B'rith offices in Paris, desecration of the synagogue in Marseilles and the bombing of the Jewish community centre in Cannes.

Greece – High-ranking members of the Greek Orthodox Church and official church organs there have been engaged recently in a virulent anti-Semitic campaign associated with an attack against the Jehovah's Witnesses; one periodical citing "evidence" of Jewish "treachery" throughout the ages.

Is the post World War II honeymoon with the Jews over? A number of theorists are pointing to the increasing deterioration internationally, and their answer is yes.

The classic economic and political explanations for anti-Semitism are still operable. Latent anti-Jewish stereotypes persist, most authorities agree, and are translated into open discrimination when social conflict and tensions are severe.

"Anti-Semitism is an invidious disease," says Anti-Defamation League professionals Arnold Forster and Benjamin Epstein in their study, **The New Anti-Semitism**. "It can linger in the body politic almost invisibly for years without erupting. Its effects can be long delayed. Of all the ills in the world, anti-Semitism is the least likely to die a natural death."

And the authors, joined by other observers, argue that a new, subtle and far more sophisticated form of anti-Jewish sentiment has been nurtured in the past decade — the growing indifference to Israel's survival, and the acceptance of Arab propaganda. While for some, anti-Zionism is a legitimate expression of political differences, to others it is a rationale for a seductive form of anti-Semitic backlash. The classical Jew-hater has donned a new garb.

The Jewish community is legitimately sensitive to discrimination. It hears the echoes of centuries-old persecutions in such present-day incidents as the Arab boycott of Jewish businesses, the terrorist separation of Jews from other hostages at Entebbe Airport last year, and the intimidation and incarceration of Soviet Refuseniks.

Anti-Semitism does not always manifest itself in overt physical violence; it can be discrimination, vilification, and inaccurate

Cover of an anti-Semitic publication.

belief; it may constitute disdain, fear, revulsion or just plain ignorance. It is only when belief and attitude are translated into action where the tangible problem may surface, and international trends are now discernible.

Latin America has a population of approximately 850,000 Jews comprising some 17% of world Jewry, and three million Latin Americans of Arab descent. Unstable governments coupled with economic upheaval have led to the predictable phenomenon of scapegoating. More than elsewhere, say Forster and Epstein, "Arab troublemakers find ready allies on the extreme left (intellectuals, workers, students) and the extreme right (church and army)."

ADL's Latin American Affairs Committee Chairman Burton S. Levinson, testified before the U.S. House International Affairs Committee recently about record levels of anti-Semitism in Argentina and an organized campaign designed to discredit and intimidate the Jews. He noted there have been at least 50 incidents of violence, terror, bombings, murder and abduction during the past 18 months aimed at Jews or Jewish institutions in Argentina. The government, acquiescing to pressure, issued a decree ultimately closing down Editorial Milicia, a leading disseminator of anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi propaganda which alleged, among other things, that Jews lied about Auschwitz.

Compounding these trends, and further eroding Latin American Jewish communities are the sharp rate of assimilation and intermarriage, and the emigration of its youth.

Increasing unemployment, unchecked inflation and racial tensions plaguing Britain have given birth to conspicuous right-wing organized activity there. The National Front, founded in 1966 with a membership now estimated at 10,000 — the rough equivalent of Sir Oswald Mosley's fascists of the 1930s — polled 114,000 votes in the October, 1974 elections. Recently, the Front garnered 10% of the vote in local council elections and 6% in a parliamentary by-election.

"The Jewish question," says NF leader John Tyndall, "is a central issue in the struggle for the salvation of British nationhood." Nowhere in Europe is the propaganda battle between pro-Arab and pro-Israel forces fought with more vigor than in England, say Forster and Epstein in **The New Anti-Semitism**. "Basic English fairness and decency mingle, on Middle East questions, with age-old resentments, paternalism and British financial and political interest in the Arab world."

Turning to West Germany and Austria, evidence points to an increasing interest in Nazi memorabilia, history and right-wing movements — a "Hitler Boom," which observers note has spread through Europe and North America. The Freedom Party, with 10 of 183 seats in the Austrian Parliament, is headed by a former Nazi Waffen SS member, Friedrich Peter. Chancellor Bruno Kreisky caused a political stir when he defended Peter against charges by Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal.

Although outlawed, the National Socialist German Workers' party has underground cells. Recent raids in Mannheim and West Berlin uncovered Nazi literature and arms. (Caches of similar material were unearthed in California.) A survey carried out by Cologne University found that 15—20% of West Germans still have marked anti-Semitic prejudices. Among a further 30%, there is latent anti-Semitism, the study suggests.

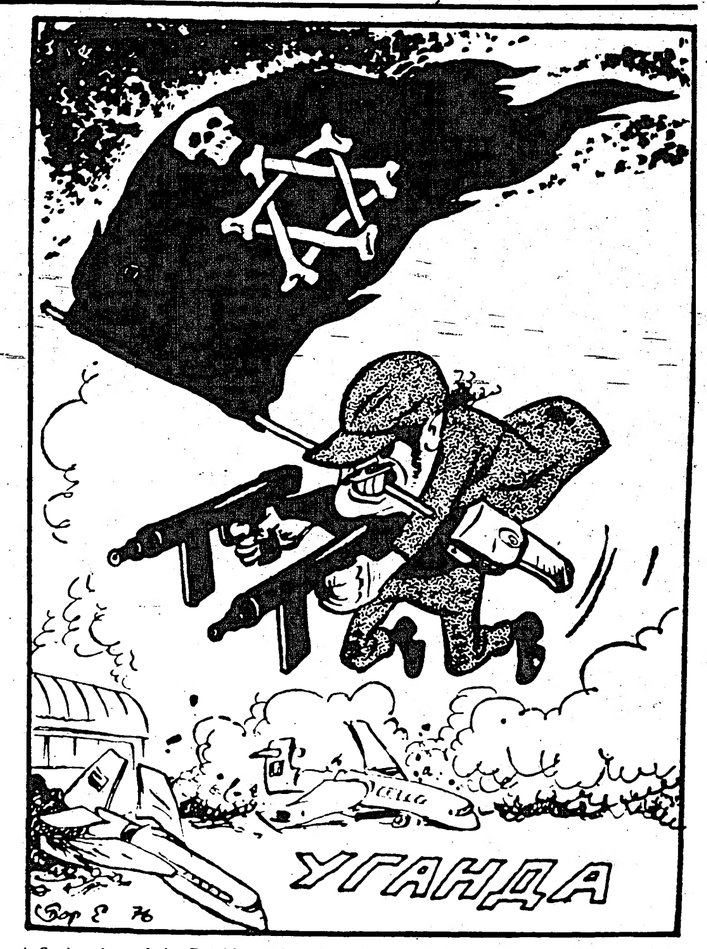
But, most experts will caution, it is unwise to exaggerate the behavior of "fringe" groups on the left or right. Perhaps more disconcerting is the manner in which influential figures have given vent to historical misconceptions. The stereotypes of overwhelming Jewish economic and political clout in shaping world events have been echoed, by the Shah of Iran, General George Brown, the U.S. Chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Spiro Agnew in his "novel", **The Canfield Decision**. They argue that the Jewish—Zionist lobby in the U.S. has a controlling influence on banks, the media and ultimately Congress, harping back to the conspiratorial, cabal theory, promulgated by **The Protocols of the Elders of Zion**. An American Jewish Committee study of the top 500 U.S. corporations, including newspapers, has revealed that Jews occupy less than one-half percent of senior executive posts in these companies.

Reactions to the Agnew-Brown "syndrome" have been mixed, as an article in the American Jewish Committee's magazine, *Present Tense*, suggests. Said one Senate committee staff aide: "Gen. Brown's remarks reflect what is recognized as classic anti-Semitism — replete with its phony stereotypes and myths...Spiro Agnew's comments reflect a different trend... the initial impact of Arab economic and political influence in this nation."

While American businessmen (joined by their colleagues in Canada and world-wide), are scrambling to cash in on the Arab market, reports indicate the Arabs plan to invest as much as $15 million annually for a public relations campaign to sway American public opinion on the Mideast conflict. Polls conducted by the Yankelovich organization in 1974 and 1975 already show that one-third of the respondents would not want to see a Jew as president, while close to another third perceived Jews as attached more to Israel than the U.S. The alleged erosion of traditional American support for Israel, many Jews there fear, could further call attention to the role Jews play in aiding the isolated state.

The problem with statements like Agnew's or Brown's, said one ADL leader, is that they provide ammunition abroad and validation on the domestic scene for anti-Semitic slurs and propaganda. (A recent Western Guard telephone message in Toronto, making reference to Agnew and the Shah of Iran, said "it's not hard to imagine Jewish influence is quite strong in Canada." Pointing to Jews here in high office — Bora Laskin, Barney Danson, Stuart Smith — *the white power group* applies the same "logical" rationalization about undue Jewish pressure on government.)

The conclusions of ADL's Forster and Epstein are somewhat grim. "The new and hard-won status of American Jewry — which by the early '60s had virtually reached a point of ludicrous enchantment in America with all things Jewish — shows signs of deterioration," the authors say. "And the persecution of Jews abroad continues . . . Is the pendulum swinging back?"



A Soviet view of the Entebbe raid, published July 21 in Izvestia, central organ of the Russian government. Caption reads: "The international law of the pirates of Tel Aviv."

A fragile link to heritage

Shabbat encounter in Leningrad

By JERRY FAIVISH

LENINGRAD, 1976 —

He winked at me, gave me a nod and quietly said "follow me." Further instructions were forthcoming from this man.... "But not too close, and make sure no one is following us."

He started to walk and I lingered on behind, nonchalantly occupying my time, then I started to walk. We couldn't have been more than 40 yards apart, yet every few steps he stopped and turned his head in all directions, the last direction always being the one I was in. On that cue and without breaking my stride, I, too, looked around.

He was reassured that I was still there, I was reassured that no one was following. Carefully and cautiously we continued our journey. We hadn't gone far, and there wasn't much farther to go. Nevertheless, we were tense, and consequently time passed very slowly (until we reached our destination).

This wasn't a cloak and dagger affair, nor was it two amateurs engaged in the spy game. I, a Jew from Canada, was being invited to a Shabbat lunch by a Jew in the Soviet Union. But I only discovered that when I reached his apartment.

It was my third day in Leningrad, and my first Shabbat in the Soviet Union. Earlier that morning, I had walked to the only synagogue in Leningrad, located at 2 Lermontovski Prospect. There were 100 to 150 people there, most of them men, most over 60. I entered, took a seat in the large shul, and began to pray. At first, no one approached me and no one talked to me. I was an unknown entity.

But then came the reading of the Torah. At that time an unusual thing happened. Three Torahs were taken out of the Aron Kodesh, and three Torahs were paraded around the shul. I was perplexed until I noticed that the Torahs were being taken to three different sections of the shul, to the main Bimah, to a table in the back, and to one in a corner at the front. There would be three separate readings of the weekly Torah portion.

In a land where religious freedom is restricted and where religious expression is often suppressed, variation is a necessity, and custom takes on a new meaning. So that people could retain their cultural roots and remain linked to their heritage, everyone who so desired could get an aliyah to the Torah.

It was at one of these "side minyanim" where I first encountered my host. He was about 65 and was one of the regular worshippers. In Yiddish he enquired, "Where are you from, how long are you here, do you want an aliyah?" Then we spoke about many more things — my life in Canada, his life in Russia. But there were many things we did not talk about. This was not the time or place. Fear.

After the Torah reading, everyone returned to their former seats, the congregation reunified, and completed the service by saying Musaf. When it was over, people mingled, dispersed and then went their separate ways. It was at this time that I received my roundabout invitation from my host.

Ten minutes later, I was in his home. Having reached the sanctity of privacy, I was immediately offered an explanation: "I could not invite you here in front of everyone. It's dangerous. Some people would tell the secret police, and you know what that means..." He lived in a land where fear was the utmost concern of many. To this man, the government would do anything or could do anything they wanted. Whether in fact this was true or not was irrelevant. We thought it was and that fear usually governed his actions.

His invitation, then, was an act of defiance, both of the government and of his fear. For a few hours he could talk and converse with a visiting Jew. For a few hours he felt comfortable and unafraid. But only for a few hours. We talked, exchanged ideas about Yiddishkeit and philosophized. But soon it was time for me to leave, and with his parting words I realized that he was reverting to the practicalities and realities which shaped his everyday life.

"I hope to see you again, but remember you were not here, and don't tell the people of Leningrad, that you were here."

The fear had returned.

Sinai Campaign offered brief respite for Israel

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

The last British troops unceremoniously evacuated Egypt's Port Said. It was Dec. 22, 1956. The Suez Crisis and its offshoot, the Sinai Campaign, could now enter the history books as a fait accompli.

What remained was for analysts to determine what, if anything, was accomplished.

As for Britain and France, they had taken all they could from Nasser with his blatant lies (while supposedly having frank talks with the French, he was secretly supplying Algerian rebels with arms to fight the French), as well as his growing high-handed manner.

Britain, particularly, feared great shipping losses due to Nasser's unilateral declaration of nationalizing the Suez Canal. Britain, France and, this time, the U.S. as well, were leery of Nasser's growing friendship with Russia and were furious at his recognition of Red China in May, 1956. In essence, Britain and France sought to protect their own interests and knock Nasser off his high horse.

Israel's involvement had different priorities. The growing number of fedayeen raids, Egypt's and Syria's expanded arsenal of Russian built weapons, the increased number of military pacts between Arab countries, and Nasser's emergence as a consummate orator vitriolically condemning Israel, all presented Israel with serious security problems.

Unfortunately, however, foreign policy experts throughout the rest of the world looked most unfavorably upon what they felt to be the ill-timing of the Mideast flare-up. Now attention was being diverted away from the recently erupted Hungarian revolution and the Russian role there. At that time too, the U.S. was in the midst of a presidential campaign.

On Israel's part, some gains were made, albeit temporary ones. The flurry at the UN, with Canada's Lester Pearson playing a leading role, brought about the creation of the United Nations Emergency Forces on Nov. 4. The forces, acting as a buffer in the Sinai and the Gaza strip, helped cut down on terrorist raids into Israel. Although Israeli ships still could not pass through the Suez Canal (on Oct. 18, 1888, the canal had been internationally declared to be open to all countries), a dozen countries, including the U.S., signed a document ensuring Israeli passage through the Gulf of Aqaba (Eilat).

Unfortunately for all peace-loving peoples in the Middle East and elsewhere, the gains that were made in 1956, with the loss of about 200 Israeli soldiers, were not permanent. On May 18, 1967, Nasser would summarily dismiss the United Nations Emergency Forces, setting the stage for yet another Mideast war.

Israeli soldiers pore over map during 1956 Sinai Campaign. War began partly as a result of Egyptian and Palestinian incursions from bases in the Gaza Strip. (Israel Government)

A donation to the UJA involves more than money

By J. B. SALSBERG

In the Dec. 3rd issue of this paper, the very dynamic chairman of the current UJA campaign in Toronto, Joseph Berman, took exception to an editorial in The CJN (Nov. 19th) captioned "Mitzvah of Tzedakah." The important point that Mr. Berman wanted to make was that giving to UJA was not an act of charity but, rather, an act of "sharing."

I fully agree with his point of view that giving to UJA should not be considered as an act of charity or, to stretch a point, to even be described as an act of justice, since tzedakah is derived from tzedec (justice).

Everybody knows that the bulk of UJA funds go to Israel. How can one think of giving to Israel as an act of charity? Are the Jews of Israel "deserving poor" to whom we give charity? Is the state of Israel some poor country to whom we send relief?

To raise this question is not to quibble over words. It is not a matter of semantics. It is, without question, a matter of profound importance to both Israel and our people here. It touches on the paramount issue of our times — the place that Israel occupies in the life of world Jewry and the degree of identification with Israel which exists among Diasporic Jews.

Or, to go further, the largest share of what's left for local needs from the UJA campaigns goes towards Jewish educational needs right here. Since when is financial assistance to Jewish education an act of charity? Again I emphasize that this is not a matter of quibbling over words, but to probe our approach towards Jewish education — of every variety — for our young.

Do our several levels of government give charity when they provide for our educational systems? Of course not. They provide for what is a basic national and cultural need. Lacking taxing powers, our own community provides for the specific Jewish educational needs through voluntary self-taxation. Whatever you may call it, charity it certainly is not.

Only a very small portion of what UJA raises goes to what some people may choose to call charity.

Having said that, I must state that I have reservations about accepting Mr. Berman's preferred description of UJA giving as an act of "sharing."

Sharing means giving something to those who haven't got it. Even in the case of Israel that sort of relationship can hardly apply. True, they are in need of finances to defend the country and to build its economic capacity to meet its people's needs and to absorb newcomers. But in rendering such help are we really sharing? Are we sharing their deprivations and their sacrifices in life and blood? If not, then what does sharing mean?

To me, giving to UJA, with whatever shortcoming it may have, is the acid test of one's identification with his people everywhere. It is a concrete expression of one's Jewishness. It is a meaningful indicator of one's feelings, concerns and dedications to things Jewish. It is a sign of one's conception of belonging, of being an integrated part of his people's past, its stormy present and its continued existence. It is also a sign of one's honesty and consistency.

From my point of view, therefore, giving to UJA is more than giving money. Vastly more. It is, or should be, a demonstration of national and cultural identification. It is, or it should be looked upon, as an annual re-dedication to the totality of what we call our heritage and our future. (Heaven help us if our UJA giving should degenerate to the level of charity.)

If that's what our giving should mean, then our fund-raising campaigns must be elevated from the dank cellars of charity appeals to the inspiring heights of national responsibility, of national duty, of national identification, of national re-dedication.

In such an approach to the essential meaning of the UJA drive it becomes self-evident that the slogan has to be "from each according to his ability to give." In this regard, Mr. Berman's formula for giving is eminently sound and applicable.

But the other slogan must be: every Jewish man and woman, young and old, should feel honor-bound to be among the givers.

The student's two or five dollars, the workingman's $5 or $10, the pensioner's minimum contribution is, and must be acknowledged to be, as important and as meaningful as are the larger amounts that the well-to-do give.

The badge of national honor should be borne by all who identify, who belong and who express their identity by giving, according to their means, to UJA.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

CBC BROADCAST TO SOVIET JEWS

A special Chanukah program was beamed to Jews in the Soviet Union by CBC International, featuring a message by Rabbi Sidney Shoham of Montreal, plus liturgical Chanukah songs. It was repeated three times (twice in the evening and once in the morning), in order to reach the greatest number of listeners. The program was part of a series of pre-holiday broadcasts arranged by the National Religious Department of Congress.

NAMES FOR YAD VASHEM

A note from the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of Toronto Jewish Congress tells us that January has been designated Write-In Month for their new project — gathering names of those who perished in the Holocaust. These names will be forwarded to Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, to be listed for posterity. Contact Ruth Resnick at 869-3811 for the forms, and any further assistance.

LECTURES ON HOLOCAUST

On the same subject — Beth Tikvah Synagogue has set up a two-lecture series on **Jewish Responses to the Holocaust** by Rabbi Sol Tanenzaph, York University humanities professor. The dates are Mondays, Jan. 10 and 17, at 8:30 p.m.

NEW REFORM CONGREGATION

Kingston has a new Reform synagogue — Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech — formed by a dozen families, most of whom did not attend services before. They worship Friday evenings in Watson Hall at Queen's University, and also offer instruction to 15 children, so far. According to one of the founding members, Michael Levison, there are no plans to erect a building or find a rabbi for the present. He says it's more important just to get people together for prayer and teaching. For a wedding or funeral, the group will ask someone from Toronto to officiate.

NCJW EDUCATIONAL SERIES

On Tuesday, the 11th, the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto section, inaugurates a new educational project, **Exploring Our Jewishness.** It is a two-part program running on consecutive Tuesdays at 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Part I, from the 11th to Feb. 1, is a series of lectures and discussions. Part II, from Feb. 8 to March 15, is a study and seminar program.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS

The aims of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada are to combat anti-Semitism and promote comradeship among all Jewish veterans; that is, not only Canadian, but also Israeli, Russian, partisan and American, for example. To date there are chapters in major communities across the country except Toronto. Plans are now afoot to form a Toronto branch. If you are interested, send your name, address, telephone number and type of service to Jewish War Veterans, c/o the Canadian Jewish News.

CHILDREN'S MOVIE

For the youngsters, there will be two showings of the Dick Van Dyke film, **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang,** this Sunday, the 9th — at 1 and 3:45 p.m. at Ulpanot Orot, 4445 Bathurst St. Sponsoring organization is Bat-Zion Chapter of Mizrachi Women. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

SENIOR CITIZENS TROUPE

The Musical Variety Show is a group of members of the Centre for Creative Living. They sing, dance and perform short skits, not only for their own organization, but for residents of various local nursing homes as well. Under the direction of Doris Fleishman, the program started last February with 12 senior citizens and has since grown to 35. Recently, they received a New Horizons grant of $13,200 which will help pay for transportation, a piano, musical instruments and a music library.

FOR SINGLES

A disco dance is on the boards for the New Young Adults (19-30), at the northern 'Y' this Sunday, the 9th, at 8:30.

The University Graduate Club has also scheduled a dance for that same evening at 8 at Roehampton Place Hotel. Then on the 16th they are having a free movie nite featuring **The Last of the Red Hot Lovers.** That's at 8 at 140 Erskine Ave., Party room B-2. Dress is casual and the word is to bring your own cushion.

AJALON TELETHON

Members of the Ajalon Lodge of the Zionist Organization of Canada will be manning the phones at 150 Beverley Street this Thursday evening, Jan. 13. They will be covering pledge cards for the United Jewish Appeal starting at 6 p.m.

...about people

David Isenman

Last week **David E. Isenman** left for a two-year stint in Israel. The 27-year-old son of **Joseph and Anna Isenman** of Toronto just received his Ph.D. in biochemistry and immunology from the University of Toronto. He also won a fellowship from the Medical Research Council of Canada for a two-year post graduate research program at the Weizmann Institute in Israel. He will be working with the department of chemical immunology at the Rehovot science institute.

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Wedding notes — **Vernon Singer**, Liberal MPP for Wilson Heights, married **Dorothy Plesner** last week. The bride is a senior administrator in the Department of Community and Social Services....Saturday, Jan. 8 is wedding day for Toronto lawyer **Donald Carr** and **Judy Feld**, both prominent on the local and national Jewish community scene.

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Toronto Yiddish poet, writer and essayist **Yitzhak Goldkorn**, together with Israeli novelist **Isaiah Spiegel**, received the 1976 Jacob Glatstein award in literature from the American Jewish Cultural Congress. Presentation was made at an impressive ceremony at the Statler Hilton Hotel in New York recently. Goldkorn, a Polish-born survivor of the Holocaust, came to Canada in the early '50s.

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Ottawa-born playwright-director **John Palmer** returns to direct **Martin Kinch's Me?** at Toronto Free Theatre after a year's leave, spent mostly in New York. The production opened yesterday (the 6th) and runs through to Feb. 6, at the newly-renovated theatre at 26 Berkeley St.

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Kielcer Synagogue's **Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet**, also professor of philosophy at Humber College, was chosen to conduct the inaugural ceremony of Toronto's new city council Wednesday afternoon.

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Beth Tzedec Sisterhood's oldest member, **Sara Levine**, celebrated her 100th birthday this Chanukah. Presently a resident at Baycrest Centre, she has lived in Toronto since her arrival in Canada back in 1891. Her late husband, **Moses Joseph Levine**, was one of the founders of Goel Tzedec Synagogue.

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Miriam Slan calls her first solo art exhibition **Drawings.** The show at the Learning Resources Centre on Eglinton Avenue displays 20 of the Toronto artist's realistic graphite pencil drawings of people in various moods, ages and walks of life. It runs to Jan. 29.

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At its recent annual meeting, the Zionist Organization of Canada Charitable Fund elected **Ben Dunkelman** of Toronto as deputy president along with new directors **Anne Kaplan Teitelman** of Burlington, **Lou Zimmerman** of Montreal, and **Maurice Berg** of Toronto. **David Monson** of St. Catharines continues as president.

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It will be a family reunion for the Kelmans next weekend when **Rabbi Abraham Kelman** returns to home-town Toronto to be guest speaker at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, where his brother, **Rabbi Joseph Kelman**, occupies the pulpit. The former spiritual leader of Bais Yehuda congregation, he will talk about **Does Judaism Present the Ideal to the World — Is There a Utopia to Look Forward To?** The date is Saturday, Jan. 15, at 8:30 p.m.

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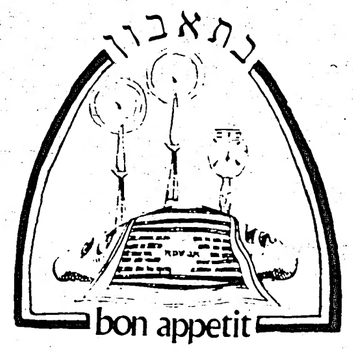
David Lewis

The latest Order of Canada list includes political leader **David Lewis** who was appointed a companion, the highest level of the order, **Professor Maxwell Cohen** of McGill University, and **Louis Applebaum**, director of Ontario Arts Council, who were named officers.

Ginger root livens dishes



By MARCIA KRETZMER

Immigrants to this country are often asked by friends from abroad planning a visit, what goodies they should bring from the fleshpots. It is always better to ask, because lack of familiarity with Israeli conditions can cause embarrassment.

My husband, to his disgust, once found himself the recipient of two boxes of loaf sugar and some tinned, instant coffee, from an auntie abroad who meant well.

On the other hand, visitors from abroad, keen to bring to immigrants those little, unobtainable reminders of home, may find themselves let in for more than they bargained: One person I heard about, trudged through customs with a suitcase full of steak.

My parents once found themselves conned into bringing several pounds of kippers. When, on the next trip to Israel, they were talked into bringing two pairs of canoe oars, they decided to pack it in and settle here themselves.

Personally, I yearn for very few things from abroad in the food line. Now that they've begun importing molasses, I find the only thing I miss is fresh, ginger root. Its magnificent fragrance just cannot be replaced by ground, powdered ginger, nor the dried ginger root I discovered in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Fortunately, a good supply of ginger root has been forthcoming recently, so that we have been forced to freeze some, and preserve the rest, peeled, in brandy.

When our first shipment of ginger root arrived, we parted with a substantial part of it to plant out in the earth. It turned out to be a poor investment, because it just withered away. We found out later than ginger is a tropical plant.

Fresh ginger root has a papery skin rather like that of a new potato. Inside, it is ivory-colored and occasionally yellow. The juicy, hot flesh is used either minced, or occasionally sliced, in Chinese food. The preserved variety, which is the crystallized root, is more of a confection, and can be used in stewed, cold fruit, ice creams and cakes.

Here are three recipes using ginger in three different forms. The first uses the fresh ginger root, the second uses preserved stem ginger, and the last uses ground, powdered ginger in an intriguing, well-spiced cookie with a shortbread texture.

Ginger Chicken with Almonds
1 lb. chicken breast, skinned and boned
1 large onion, sliced thinly
1/2 cup halved, blanched almonds
2 tblsps. soy sauce
1 tsp. sugar
1/2 cup white wine
3 thin slices ginger root, minced
1/2 tsp. cornflour, dissolved in 2 tbsps. water

1. cut chicken into 2" strips about 1/2" wide. Coat in flour and stir-fry until golden in a few tblsps. oil. Remove to a serving dish and keep hot. In the same oil, fry onions and almonds until pale gold and sprinkle over chicken

2. having ingredients ready in advance: simmer soy sauce, sugar, wine and ginger together 10 minutes, then add cornflour mixture. Serve chicken with white rice and pour sauce over at the moment of serving. Serves 4

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Ginger and Pineapple Stuffing for Poultry
1 1/2 cups fresh, white breadcrumbs
3/4 cup pineapple chunks
1/2 cup preserved ginger
2 scallions, chopped finely
salt and pepper
1 egg yolk beaten with 3 tbsps. oil

1. mix breadcrumbs with pineapple, ginger and scallions, add seasonings and egg yolk—oil mixture to bind. Use for chicken, duck, or double quantities for turkey

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Ginger Spice Cookies
2 tblsps. honey
1/2 cup oil
2 tblsps. sugar
1 egg
1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 tsps. cinnamon
1 tsp. mixed spice
1 1/2 tsps. ginger
1 tsp. baking soda dissolved in 2 tsps. boiling water
2 cups flour
jams, raisins or chopped nuts for filling

1. beat oil and sugar together. Add egg and beat again, then add honey and dissolved baking soda and continue beating

2. sift flour with baking powder and spices and add to wet ingredients, adding more flour, if necessary, to achieve a workable dough

3. divide dough into three and roll out into rectangular strips. Spread desired filling: jam, raisins, nuts, or a combination, down the centre of each strip and fold in a flat roll across the width

4. brush with white of egg and sprinkle with sugar. Bake 20—25 mins. at 375°. Cut into oblique slices while still hot

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CBC Radio producer

Ideas are brick, mortar of Lucht's profession

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Ideas — or "the relationship between the brain and the outside world" — are the brick and mortar of Bernie Lucht's professional existence. As one of the producers of CBC FM radio's acclaimed **Ideas** program, his career revolves around the formulation and articulation of ideas designed to stimulate and delight the mind.

Says Lucht, "I like to approach things as a clarifier."

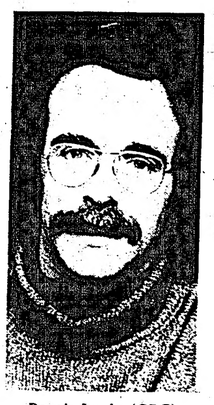
The array of weighty ideas conveyed on the one-hour show — be they on madness, the politics of China or the literary genius of Shakespeare — are basically the products of a variety of creative impulses, he explains.

Conversations with friends or strangers, personal experiences, bathtub ruminations or some "underground concern I feel in my guts" are the vehicles through which the 32-year-old native of Montreal processes the ideas which appear on the program. And, he adds, the constant challenge facing him, day in and day out, is how he can communicate what he calls "reality" in depth.

Although Lucht is definitely something of an intellectual — a man of ideas — he does not attempt to project the misleading impression that he is undaunted by every subject he probes. For, as he readily concedes in an interview in his cluttered office, there have been occasions when he was embarrassingly unfamiliar with his chosen themes.

"Half the time, I know nothing about the subject," he confesses. "And it's terrifying."

In a sense, then, the making of **Ideas** constitutes a continuing education for Bernie Lucht, who studied political science and history at Sir George Williams University and McGill. It forces him to confront new facts and new conceptions all the time. But the experience of grappling with fresh, unfamiliar material is not as bad as it may sound. "It's almost always more intimidating at the beginning than at the end."



Bernie Lucht (CBC)

His work thus demands qualities of mind which not anybody can muster: open-mindedness, curiosity and a willingness to explore novel intellectual terrain without fear.

For a man whose livelihood is so bound up with the propagation of ideas, Lucht does not immerse himself in reading as much as an outsider might suppose. "I try to read key things — mainly psychology and philosophy — that trigger ideas," the slight, intense-looking producer disclosed.

This year and next, Lucht is producing four programs, or 28 one-hour segments, on Mexico, work, mathematics and Scandinavia. The Mexican episode, which will focus on Mexico's culture from the days of the Aztecs, is the result of his interest in Third World history. The Scandinavian one is the product of his conversations with a university lecturer.

He decided to do a program about mathematics because he has always had an abiding attachment to science, and he tackled the topic of work after reading Studs Turkel's account of the work place.

All his story ideas are cleared by his executive producer, Geraldine Sherman, who, he claims, has never rejected any of them. Partly because of this, he realizes how much artistic freedom he enjoys.

Except for her potential veto power and the inevitable budgetary restraints, Lucht operates on an independent basis. "We're free, it's really a wonderful situation," he says.

Twice a year, he makes major business trips to research his material. In the past three years, he has gone to Western Europe and Africa, interviewing such political personalities as Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana and Jomo Kenyatta of Kenya.

Before joining **Ideas** five years ago, he worked for CBC's International Service ("pretty repetitive work") and as Montreal producer for **Cross Country Checkup**. From 1969 until 1971, he taught school in Africa for CUSO.

Lucht's interest in broadcasting goes back to when he was a member of a high school drama group. He sold his first script to the CBC when he was only 19, and as he has done so many things since then, he barely remembers what it was on. "I think it concerned censorship," he says, not quite sure of himself.

In any event, that script launched his career — a career which **Ideas** has certainly enhanced over the years.

CONGRESS CALENDAR
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Jan. 8	Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, "The Little Shoemaker" presented by the Montreal Yiddish Drama Group of the Saidye Bronfman Centre, Central Technical School Theatre, 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Committee for Yiddish, Toronto Jewish Congress, Yiddish Cultural Evening with Hertz Grosbart, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	B'nei Akiva—Religious Zionist Youth Movement, "Assimilation or Isolation?" with Rabbi I. Witty, lecturer, Ulpanat Orot Auditorium, 4445 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Beth Tzedec Congregation, "Sunday Night in the Museum" with Jules Samson and Temma Gentles, 1700 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 15	Holy Blossom Temple, Bialik Puppet Theatre of Haifa, Israel, presents "Bat Hamelech," for adults and older children, 1950 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 16	B'nei Akiva—Religious Zionist Youth Movement, "Return to Israel," Rabbi M. Berglas, lecturer, Ulpanat Orot Auditorium, 4445 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	Toronto Jewish Congress, T'nach Study Group, "Zacariah — Chapters 6, 7 and 8," Robert Eisen, lecturer, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Jan. 22	Beth Tzedec Congregation, Beth Midrash Young Scholars Series, "The Jew in American Literature" with William Novak, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 30	B'nei Akiva—Religious Zionist Youth Movement, "Practical Zionism," Prof. Bernard Avishai, lecturer, Ulpanat Orot Auditorium, 4445 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Jan. 31	Canada Israel Foundation, "Amici" Series, Mischa Maisky, Cellist, Town Hall, 8:30 p.m.

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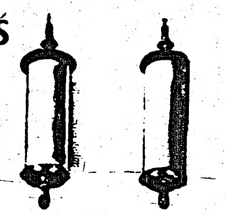

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayechee

Vayis'u oto banav artzah Canaan... And his sons carried him into the land of Canaan....

It's not safe to have a sharp tongue — otherwise you may make gefilte fish out of your words....

The Bilgorayer Rabbi was riding in a train when a band of young free-thinkers sat down and began mocking the coming of the messiah. The rabbi looked up patiently — "Listen, a fox saw a bird in a tree and tried to sweet talk her down — but the bird wouldn't fall for it. 'Don't you know,' the fox protested, 'the messiah has come — even the wolf and lamb will lie down together....'

"Suddenly there was a sound of trumpets — a hunter with a pack of dogs was on his trail. The fox made ready to run. 'But what about the messiah,' the bird twittered.

"The fox shrugged — 'What can I do? The dogs don't believe in the coming of the messiah...' "

And the rabbi went back to his reading...

How can the messiah come if he keeps on tripping over our noses? Consider...Jacob complained to his sons, Simeon and Levi — "**Kee b'apom hargu ish**...with their noses (**apom** means both anger and nose) they killed men...." Simeon and Levi looked in the mirror bewildered — what do we need, a nose job? How do you kill with your nose?

But Jacob sighed — "If someone comes over to you and asks, 'What do you think — should I give credit? Should I let Chaim Yankel marry my daughter?' And you give a sour twitch of the nose, as if to say — 'Who, **him? Ah nechtiger tug**!' One little twitch can destroy a man's future...."

Only perfect people should ever find fault with others....

But nothing is sweeter than gossiping down a leader — you have to have iron skin. It's strange....when Jacob blessed Dan, he announced — "Dan will be the judge and rabbi of Israel...." Suddenly Jacob interrupted himself and prayed — "**Lee'shuascha kivisi Hashem**....I wait for thy salvation, O L-rd...." Dan wondered — what is this, a commercial? Why stop in the middle of a sentence to **daven**?

But the Almighty whispered to him. "Believe me, you'll need his prayers....Once you become a leader of My Yiddelech, whatever you do, there'll always be plenty of people to criticize you. But don't worry — if you stick to your guns and My Torah, no one can touch you. Better be popular with Board of Angels than the Board of Governors...." (Klee Yakar)

Of course, sometimes you can never win....A rabbi was giving an endless sermon...."We need religious reform. We need social reform. We need —" And someone jumped up — "chloroform!"

When you vote for G-d, you're always in power. Imagine...when Jacob was old — "**vayigva va'yaiossef el amav**...he expired, and was gathered into his people...." It's weird, though — why beat around the bush? Why doesn't it just say he died?

Ah, but it shows....Jacob never died. Didn't our rabbis teach — when a person is righteous, then even when he's dead, he's alive. And if a person is selfish and wicked, even if he's rushing up and down Bathurst Street with a Miami tan — he's like the walking dead....

Death is not an end — it is an aliyah to the Heavenly Jerusalem. Meanwhile, we have to take proper care of the physical remains....

— From the moment the soul departs, a body should never be left alone. There should always be a constant **shomer** who reads Psalms, not The Star or Globe and Mail;

— Every family should insist that a proper **taharah**, or purification, be performed by pious, G-d fearing Jews;

— At the gravesite, the casket should not be left by family or friends until it is totally covered with earth.

May we all live to 120 years. Shabbat Shalom.

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Beth Tzedec courses resume on Jan. 10

TORONTO — Beth Tzedec's Beth Midrash program continues on Monday, Jan. 10, when the first of a series of courses on various aspects of Jewish learning begins. The program is divided into two major components — Fundamentals of Judaism and Judaica offerings.

The winter semester begins Jan. 10 at 7:15 p.m. when registration begins for the Fundamentals of Judaism. Courses offered in this section include:

The Major Holidays and Festivals, a workshop series co-ordinated by Rabbi Robert Binder; From Aleph to Beth: Learning to read Hebrew, an elementary course taught by Cantor Joseph Cooper; To Be a Jew: The Essentials of Judaism, given by Rabbi J. Benjamin Friedberg. This course deals with a survey of the major concepts, practices, holidays and customs on Judaism.

The second year level of the fundamentals program includes two courses, one entitled The Jew and his Bible taught by Rabbi Friedberg and deals with the major themes and teachings of the Hebrew Bible.

Crisis Moments in Jewish History is the title of the second course offered in this series by Rabbi Binder and consists of a survey of Jewish history for those beginning their Jewish studies.

The Beth Midrash Judaica courses begin on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 11 and 12, when registration will take place at 7:15 p.m. for previous and new students.

The Tuesday classes include: Biblical Man and the Crisis of Faith taught by Prof. Arnold Ages; Reflections on Hebrew Scripture taught in Hebrew by Abraham Shkop, and Biblical Themes in Hebrew Poetry given in Hebrew by Miriam Schneid.

Wednesday classes include: Ahad Ha'Am and the Crisis of Zionism taught by Prof. Joseph Shatzmiller, and Biographical Aggadot: The Lives of the Rabbis taught by Prof. Mordechai Wasserman.

Ada Lappin of Bar Ilan University of Israel will teach a course entitled American Jewish Literature: The Major Writers on Wednesday evening as well.

All courses in the "Fundamentals" and "Judaica" series are open to the public. Registration fee for Beth Tzedec members — $15; non-members — $20; students — $10.

Correction

On page 7 of the Dec. 31 edition under the headline 'Aliyah needs attention,' it was reported Dr. Norman Shaul said he was a third generation doctor. That is incorrect. He's a second generation doctor.

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Answer:
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An oleh visa will be granted to newcomers planning on settling permanently in the country, and may be acquired either upon arrival, or upon change of status from tourist or temporary resident.

Temporary resident (A-1) visas are granted to those who come to Israel with the intention of settling, but who are not yet prepared to assume the obligations of a permanent resident.

The A—1 visa must be renewed annually, and is valid up to three years. After 36 months, the newcomer will become a "citizen".

Persons who intend to come to Israel in order to study Hebrew at one of the kibbutz ulpanim, and whose future plans are unclear, receives tourist visas (B—2).

A tourist (B—2) or student (A—2 visa) may change his status in Israel to that of an oleh or temporary resident by applying to a regional office of the Ministry of Interior.

An oleh who does not want to acquire Israeli citizenship may waive this right by signing a formal declaration within three months of becoming an ohel, and can be made prior to aliyah. However, it is not recommended since it may prevent one's full integration and absorption into the country.

Israel recognizes dual citizenship. A citizen of Israel can also be a citizen of another country that allows dual citizenship, such as the United States. Holding Israeli citizenship entitles you, for instance, to vote in national parliamentary elections.

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Question:
Will I be given some sort of identification card as an immigrant?

Answer:
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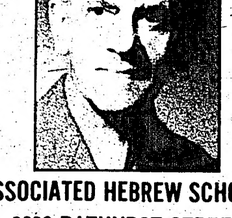

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Dr. Dov Friedlander (centre), director of Hebrew University's Student Counselling Services, was guest speaker at gathering of Canadian Friends' chapter in St. Catharines. He is a former Torontonian. From left: Bernard Ennis, Welland; Harry Tamarin, Murry Fish, host, and Dr. Julius Ennis, Welland. Dr. Friedlander is currently on sabbatical at York University. (Hebrew U. photo)

'Calling all Feldmans...'

TORONTO —

It takes one good idea to bring forth a second. Several months ago, the Toronto Group of 35 contacted all local residents with the name of Feldman. They were invited to attend a Sunday morning meeting at a synagogue where all present signed a petition urging the Soviet authorities to release Prisoner of Conscience Aleksandr Feldman. The petition was forwarded to MP Sean O'Sullivan, for delivery to the proper Soviet authorities.

The organizers felt dissatisfied, however, and during the month of December extended their work across most of Canada. Using telephone and other directories, the group, now headed by Marsha Zionce of Toronto, addressed letters by hand to every Feldman in Metropolitan Toronto and Montreal, Windsor, London, Hamilton, Ottawa, and Winnipeg.

Each letter contains a biography of Feldman and at least three postcards addressed to the president of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet urging the joining of Feldman with his family in Israel.

All Feldmans should forward their three cards to Moscow and all others can obtain postcards free from the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, 150 Beverley St., Toronto M5T 1Y6, telephone 869-3811.

Dog-sitter service

JERUSALEM (JCNS) —

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UN report contrasts conditions for refugees

NEW YORK (JCNS) —

Stark differences between the conditions of Palestinian refugee camps in Arab states and those under Israeli jurisdiction stand out in the annual report of the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA).

In camps in Arab states other than Lebanon, where they were under heavy attack and suffered thousands of casualties, it was business as usual for the refugees: the same shanties, the same slum-like conditions.

In camps under Israeli jurisdication on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, there were self-help projects, sanitation efforts, road paving and, in Gaza, new housing which the refugees may buy.

The report by Sir John S. Rennie, the commissioner-general of UNRWA, lays stress on two matters — the Agency's desperate financial needs which have brought it to the "brink of suspension," and the calamitous situation in Lebanon.

The report does not begin to give the story about the latter, the Lebanese civil war, since it covers only the fiscal year ended June 30. It was after this date that the UNRWA camps came under heaviest assault.

The situation, however, was serious enough during the period under review to give the Agency courage to depart from its usual caution; its usual desire not to step on any toes, particularly Arab ones. And thus, the report joins the growing criticism of the Palestinians whom it blames, in part at least, of responsibility for the Lebanese debacle.

What UNRWA's previous reports called "civil disturbances" in Lebanon have now become an "anarchic civil war of appalling violence." And, Sir John reported, the Palestinian refugees were inextricably involved, since, "whatever the causes, one factor was the dimensions of the Palestinian presence in Lebanon."

Sir John did not go on to mention the danger signals his own agency flew for several years, long before the outbreak of the Lebanese fighting.

It was then acknowledged by UNRWA that the Palestinian Liberation Organization had taken over control of the camps in Lebanon, and it soon became common knowledge that they were being used as the training ground for terrorists and the staging areas for raids into Israel, and for terrorist activities throughout the world. Palestinians from the camps soon dominated the area bordering on Israel, and were assuming the role of both army and gendarmerie in the country and acting as if they had official sanction.

The report stated that the financial situation of the agency worsened in the past fiscal year, and that the system of voluntary financing, i.e. depending on the generosity of UN member states, was a failure and could not be expected to solve the chronic problem of deficits.

As of June 30, there were 1,668,205 people registered with the Agency. Over a million of these were eligible for UNRWA's health and education services and 838,000 among them were also receiving food rations. The child population increased 13,500 to 289,000 in 592 UNESCO-UNRWA schools at the end of the last school year.

Headquarters were moved during the year from Beirut to Amman, the capital of Jordan, because of the war in Lebanon, and the report indicated that they would stay there until the Agency's mandate comes up for renewal, or the situation in Lebanon changes so much for the better that it is possible to move back.

Educational campaign urges Reform synagogues to accept women in pulpit

LOS ANGELES (JTA) —

In anticipation that by 1979 one out of three newly ordained Reform rabbis in America will be women, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations has launched an educational campaign among its 720 congregations and 1.1 million members in the United States and Canada to assure complete equality of the sexes in the placement of rabbis in pulpit positions and other jobs.

Noting that the Reform branch of Judaism for almost 200 years has championed the equality of women's rights on all levels, including religious rights, Matthew H. Ross, chairman of the UAHC's board of trustees, told board members meeting here at the Century Plaza Hotel that "pockets of resistance still exist in accepting women in jobs traditionally held for centuries exclusively by men."

Ross cited current enrolment statistics from the movement's seminary, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, showing that at present 35 out of 215 rabbinic students studying on the four campuses are women, with 12 out of 45 in this year's freshman class being women and 25% of those applying to study for the rabbinate. In addition, the HUC-JIR's School of Sacred Music in New York City has 17 women out of 44 studying for the cantorate.

At present there are three women ordained by HUC-JIR. Rabbi Sally Priesand, serving as the assistant at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in NYC; Rabbi Michal Bernstein at Temple Beth Sholom, San Jose, Calif.; and Rabbi Laura Geller, director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

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The Israel Histadrut Foundation (IHF) appeals to every Jewish man and woman to remember the people of Israel when arranging for the disposition of his or her estate for after the proverbial 120 years. Such a charitable bequest for the benefit of the people of Israel helps assure a continuous flow of capital to Israel in the years and decades to come and the donor may, if he wishes, perpetuate his name in the State of Israel with an appropriate Histadrut project.

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Samuel Rotman

One of the staunchest supporters of the Israel Histadrut Foundation Samuel Rotman was in Israel for the second time as an active participant in the solidarity campaign.

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For detailed information, contact the Israel Histadrut Office, 3101 Bathurst Street, Suite 303. Telephone: 787–0264.

Organizations and People

Dora Berman left USSR four years ago

Russian immigrant heads ORT school in Lod

A shabbily-dressed woman presented herself at the offices of ORT and asked for a post. She had come from the Soviet Union. Now she is the head of a mixed high school in Israel. Joseph Finklestone, foreign editor of the Jewish Chronicle, recently met this dynamic woman and in this article tells her story and of her achievements and about the school itself.

LOD [JCNS] —

"We have many problems caused not by our children but by their parents," remarked the headmistress, Dora Berman, a former emigrant from the Soviet Union.

Her Hebrew had a distinct Russian accent. She spoke with dignity and a sense of authority. We had just arrived at the ORT school at Lod of which she is the head — the only women head of a mixed high school in Israel.

Dr. Gideon Meyer, technical director of ORT in Israel, a pleasant young man educated in Switzerland and France, told me her story as we drove through the narrow little streets of Lod — which the tourists bound for the airport rarely sees — on the way to what he called the "flower of the desert," the ORT school.

"Four years ago, a rather shabbily dressed middle-aged woman presented herself at our offices and asked for some post. We had some doubts, of course, but listened as she unfolded her story. She had just arrived from the Soviet Union. She was a doctor of engineering and had been a deputy director of a major technical school in Russia. But she wanted to live in Israel.

"Her Hebrew was poor and so we decided to send her to an ulpan for six months to learn the language. Afterwards we assigned her to the ORT school at Lod. There she immediately showed remarkable dedication. She quickly won respect from fellow teachers, mostly men, and the pupils. She frequently showed that she could perform the most intricate technical job. When the headmaster left for another post we asked Dora Berman to take over. It was a happy choice."

During the Yom Kippur War, this school was asked to provide certain equipment for the army. The pupils responded enthusiastically, led by their headmistress, who could often be seen in the workshops herself handling expertly a variety of tools and machines.

The school, with its 700 pupils, has two large buildings but is well integrated. One building, which has only girl pupils, is named after Leopold Kessler, one of the pioneer Zionists of Herzl's days, an outstanding mining engineer and leader of the famous El Arish expedition.

Dora Berman speaks with deliberation. There is pride in her account as well as a certain amount of sadness. "The majority of our pupils aged 14 to 18 are from poor Sephardi families," she said. "We have also got a number of Arabs and new immigrants. What is worrying is that in some cases we find that there is a big gap between our pupils and their parents. There are fathers who come from countries where it is customary for them not to go out to work — they send their wives and children instead while they sit in the cafes.

"Sometimes the father tells us that he does not want his child to continue studying. Sometimes we have to provide clothing for the pupils and pay their fees.

"There are children who have no parents. We have to look after them. And as there is no room at their cramped homes to do their homework we provide at the school the space and facilities required. Yes, it is very hard," she remarks sadly.

Her eyes shine as she begins to describe the achievements of the school despite all the problems. She recalls a visit paid by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, "a great honor to us", and an acknowledgement of the school's remarkable progress under its remarkable head.

"We have very good children, very serious and disciplined, despite their problems," remarked Mrs. Berman with pride. "We have won many prizes." The girls can learn secretarial work, fashion design, housekeeping, catering — and electronics. Some of the girls will find a place in industry.

As we walk from one building to another, we notice the pupils playing in the small yard. It is clearly too small and inadequate. "I wish somebody would provide a real sports ground for us," Mrs. Berman sighs. She repeatedly speaks with admiration about her pupils. "They are very serious and eager to learn. The less their families give them the more they want to study."

Willinsky dead at 91

TORONTO —

One of the pioneer Jewish doctors in this city, Dr. Abraham I. Willinsky, died last week at Baycrest Hospital at the age of 91.

A chief urologist at the Toronto Western Hospital until 1946, he was barred from several hospitals in the city in the early part of his career and never received a teaching appointment from the University of Toronto, where he graduated in 1906.

The third Jewish medical graduate from the U of T, he followed in the footsteps of Drs. Samuel Lavine and Solomon Singer. His practice, situated for many years at 166 John St., moved to Henry St., and then to Spadina and College.

He shared quarters there in the well-known Willinsky clinic with his late brother Bernard, who served as chief surgeon at the Mount Sinai Hospital.

Well respected here and abroad for his expertise, Dr. Willinsky trained in hospitals in Dublin, London, Vienna, Rome, Paris, Edinburgh and New York.

He is said to be responsible for introducing spinal anesthesia in Canada.

Catering to Jewish "lodge" patients, he travelled in the first years of his practice by bicycle, horse and buggy, treating hundreds for small sums.

Dr. Willinsky chronicled his early struggles against discrimination in his autobiography, **A Doctor's Memoirs**, published in 1960. "Because I was a Jew," he wrote, "all doors were closed to me."

Involved in the early formation of Mount Sinai, he served there as a consultant surgeon from 1929 to 1949, and maintained a private practice a few years later, before retirement. He had been a patient at Baycrest since 1962.

Married to the late Sadie Dubensky, the Omaha-born doctor leaves daughters Dorothy Cass, Myra Simon of Hamilton, son, Dr. Jack Willinsky, a radiologist from Sault Ste. Marie, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Puppet show

TORONTO —

On Saturday, Jan. 15 at 8:30 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple, an unusual performance will be presented in the main sanctuary. A puppet show, mainly for adults and older children, will be presented using four-foot-high, rod puppets — a technique developed in Japan.

The group of four — The Nesher Puppets — are from Israel and have been performing there for over 10 years. They are currently on a tour of Canada and the U.S.

Silvie Nesher met her husband, Yair, on a kibbutz and introduced him to puppetry which she had studied in Vienna.

Stewart Olesher came originally from London and studied puppetry at the Hebrew University with Sylvie Nesher. Dahlia Hertz is an Israeli poetess, folk singer and guitarist.

The program will consist of songs, dramatic readings, two shows in English — King Solomon and the Bee and The Daughter of the King by H.N. Bialik, and a song and dance program.

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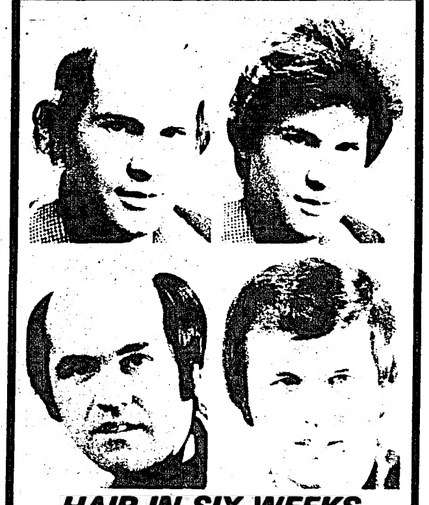
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Don Mills St. Marks Church 1 Greenland Street off the Donway east	Monday Jan. 10 or 17 7:30 pm	Monday January 24 7:30 pm
Scarborough Howard Johnsons 40 Progress Court Off Markham Rd. south of 401	Monday Jan. 10 or 17 7:30 pm	To be Announced
West Toronto Wedgewood Restaurant Bloor St. W at Jane Parking in rear	Tuesday Jan. 11 or 18 7:30 pm	Tuesday January 25 7:30 pm
Scarborough Holiday Inn Metropolitan Road Off Warden south of 401	Tuesday Jan. 11 or 18 7:30 pm	Tuesday January 25 7:30 pm
Newmarket Optimist Youth Centre Forhan Drive, off Davis, 1st block E. of Sutton Road	Tuesday Jan. 11 or 18 7:30 pm	Tuesday January 25 7:30 pm
Mississauga Burnhamthorpe Arena Corner of Gulleden and Havenwood, off Burnhamthorpe east of Dixie	Tuesday Jan. 11 or 18 7:30 pm	To be Announced
Downsview Beverly Hills Motor Hotel 1677 Wilson Ave, west of Jane Street	Wednesday Jan. 12 or 19 7:30 pm	Wednesday January 26 7:30 pm
North Toronto Muir Park Hotel 2900 Yonge Street-2 blocks south of Lawrence, parking available	Wednesday Jan. 12 or 19 7:30 pm	Wednesday January 26 7:30 pm
Mississauga Sheridan Mall, Auditorium Erin Mills Pkwy., North of the Q.E.W. Lower Level	Wednesday Jan. 12 or 19 7:30 pm	Wednesday January 26 7:30 pm

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Aurora Aurora Conference Centre R.R. #2, St. John's Sideroad West	Wednesday Jan. 12 or 19 7:30 pm	To be Announced
Toronto Sheraton Centre Hotel 123 Queen Street Opposite City Hall	Wednesday Jan. 12 or 19 noon and 5 pm	To be Announced
Pickering Sheridan Mall, Auditorium Hwy 2 and Liverpool Road Downstairs	Thursday Jan. 13 or 20 7:30 pm	Thursday January 27 7:30 pm
Scarborough St. Georges Church St. Clair East at Brimley	Thursday Jan. 13 or 20 7:30 pm	Thursday January 27 7:30 pm
Toronto St. Andrews United Church 117 Bloor East Near Yonge Street subway	Thursday Jan. 13 or 20 noon and 7:30 pm	Thursday January 27 7:30 pm
Bramalea Chinguacousy Library 150 Central Park Drive at Hwy #7, In the City Centre	Thursday Jan. 13 or 20 7:30 pm	Thursday January 27 7:30 pm
Barrie Continental Inn 394 Dunlop, west of Hwy. 400	Thursday Jan. 13 or 20 7 pm	Thursday January 27 7 pm
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Rina Messinger, Miss Universe of Israel, met with Torontonians recently in New York City, where they attended International Young Leadership Conference with other North American delegates. From left: Micki Sprackman, Ethy Lebow, Barry Lebow, Judy Kosoy, Morris Saffer, Shoshana Lev, Edie Glazer and Michael Glazer. Miss Messinger appeared in Toronto on Dec. 12. (Wagner photograph)

Kay Drage finds herself elected part of 'the enemy'

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

Before the recent municipal elections, Kay Drage was pretty confident she would retain her seat as alderman for ward 1. What she had not expected was that she would top the poll in Hamilton.

It came as a surprise — and something of a problem — for as alderman with the most votes, she automatically gains a seat on regional government. And Mrs. Drage is not in favor of regional government.

In 1973, following an unsuccessful first election campaign in 1972, and concerned about the increase in taxes regional government would mean, she organized a plebiscite against its implementation. But regional government became fact and in March 1976, as the result of a by-election, Mrs. Drage moved into city hall. So there she was, face to face with regional government.

A scant seven months later she found herself face to face with an enemy of a different sort: cancer.

"It was very traumatic — well, telling me I've got cancer and that I had to have a breast removed."

For a moment the clear, lively eyes gaze absently into space. But only for a moment. "Survival is the thing." she continues, "and I made up my mind I wasn't going to let this take over."

And indeed it didn't. She astonished everyone by missing only one council meeting because of the operation. But that's typical of her. If anything characterizes Mrs. Drage, it's her courage. When a job needs to be done, she gets on with it.

The operation did prevent her from doing much electioneering during the campaign and she admits to a few anxious moments when she wondered whether her illness would put people off. But quite the contrary — and this time it is her turn to be astonished: "People came from all over the city to help. Even from as far as Burlington."

The plight of people on fixed incomes, high taxes, waste — these are some of the things that make her angry. It is ironic that she should now sit on the regional board and she frankly admits she may have to change her attitude.

On the other hand, it also presents a much better opportunity to fight against duplication of services. Another concern is unnecessary raises in salary. She hardly endeared herself to education trustees when she accused them of lack of responsibility for accepting the full amount of their recent increase.

She hopes to set an example by taking only half of the increase to which she is entitled when appointed to the regional board. The other half, $4,000, will go to cancer research.

She and her husband Paul, a self-employed sign writer and lay-out man, are currently involved in working out a fund-raising project, together with McMaster University Medical Centre, by which the money will go directly to research as well as stay in Hamilton.

Mrs. Drage is content to remain at city hall. She describes herself as a "grassroots person" and feels her position is an ideal one for helping others. Politics was a way of life in her family, which moved to Hamilton from Toronto when she was six months old. It was also a very charitable household, she says, where "we always had enough for others."

She is no longer as active an Hadassah member as she would like to be,

Kaye Drage

she confesses, but hopes that by now the spirit of 'doing for others' is so instilled in her two sons, 19-year-old Jeff and Gerry, 15, that they will take it for granted.

Students hope to double record

TORONTO —

Students at York and the University of Toronto will intensify their activities for the 1977 United Jewish Appeal campaign during the next few weeks. The best students' campaign so far was in 1975, when over $20,000 was raised and the 1977 campaigners hope to double that amount.

The U of T Students UJA Campaign will launch a mail canvass in January of about 3,000 students, urging a symbolic contribution of $18 or more. This will be followed by a telethon early in February and the campaign is expected to wind up at a Monte Carlo night on Feb. 12. Activities got under way in November with an Israeli cabaret night, featuring comedian Larry Horowitz and a group of folk singers. More than $300 was raised at this event.

At York University, the Student Chai Campaign will sponsor a dance-a-thon on Jan. 22 from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Contestants will solicit sponsors at $1 per hour. Sponsor sheets are available at the Jewish Student Federation office at York.

York students held an earlier fund-raising event during the holiday season at which they presented a film program for children at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

York's mail compaign, to 3,500 students, gets under way in February and will be followed by a telethon. Windup event will be a rock concert on March 12 featuring Safam, a Jewish group from the U.S.

Susan Nightingale, Mark Gryfe, David Gotfrid and Pearl Brenman, who participated as Toronto representatives in a North American UJA student mission to Israel, will report on their experiences at a series of meetings to be held on both campuses.

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MONTREAL

AROUND THE TOWN
By JANICE ARNOLD

Conservative MP Flora MacDonald (right) was part of a Hadassah—WIZO mission to Israel. Among persons they met were Abba Eban and Aya Dinstein (second from right), chairman of World WIZO. Clara Balinsky of Montreal, is at left.

COMMEMORATION

The chief of security for the Montreal Olympics, **Guy Toupin**, was honored recently with a commemorative plaque at the annual B'nai B'rith Covenant Breakfast. He was thanked on behalf of the many athletes and visitors who attended the incident-free Games. Fifty new members were indoctrinated into B'nai B'rith by District #22 President **Morris Flicht** at the breakfast.

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JUDGE CHOSEN

The appointment of local lawyer **Benjamin J. Greenberg** as a judge to the Superior Court of Quebec, District of Montreal, was recently announced by Justice Minister **Ron Basford. Greenberg**, 43, was a member of the law firm of Mendelsohn, Rosentzveig, Shacter, Taviss, Shayne, Levitt, Greenberg, Blumenstein & Schleifer and admitted to the Quebec Bar in 1959.

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WAR VETERANS

The Jewish War Veterans of Canada is currently seeking eligible men and women from across Canada for membership, reports adjutant **Al Cutler**. The six-year-old non-profit organization now has several hundred members and in the past 10 weeks over 50 new members have joined. Anyone interested can write *P.O. Box 593, Snowdon Station, Montreal H3X 3T7.*

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INTER-FAITH MEETING

A major national colloquium between religious leaders of the Jewish, Roman Catholic and Protestant faiths will be held on March 15 in Ottawa, **Dr. Samuel Lewin** of the Religious Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress has announced. Theme of the conference will be "The Quality and Sanctity of Living."

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YIDDISH USED

Congress National Executive Director **Alan Rose**, in a letter, congratulated the Quebec Human Rights Commission for recognizing Yiddish by issuing a poster entirely in the language listing the commission's offices.

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ZIMRIYA CHOIR

The 45-member Canadian Hadassah-WIZO (Montreal) Choir destined for the Zimriya — World Festival of Choirs — is now hard at work rehearsing, for the July 3-16 event. It is the first time in 25 years that a choir from the eastern region of Canada has been sent to a Zimriya, which is held every three years. A number of French-Canadian folk songs will be featured. Leading the Canadian choir are **Marian Schauber** and co-conductor **Joseph Milo**. Accompanist is well-known Montrealer **Dorothy Slapkoff.**

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HOLOCAUST DAY

Holocaust Memorial Day will be held on Sunday, April 17, this year, says Holocaust Committee Chairman **Aba Beer**, rather than April 15 (the 27th day of the Jewish month of Nisan), as it falls on a Friday.

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FRED DERMER FETED

"Super Salesman" **Fred Dermer** will be honored by the Mount Royal Lodge of B'nai B'rith at an Israel Bond testimonial dinner and roast Jan. 8 at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue. Dermer has served on almost every Mount Royal Lodge committee, including the presidency of the lodge's bowling league. He is presently the lodge's third vice-president.

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BREAKFAST TALK

Freda Rashkovan, director of the family life education program of Jewish Family Services, will deliver the first lecture of the 1977 Shaar Hashomayim Men's Association Breakfast Forum series on Jan 9. She will speak on her department's work.

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1977 MARCH

Multi-faceted **Joe Kramer** has been named chairman of the 1977 March to Jerusalem scheduled for May 1. Kramer, an RCAF hero and prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, has been active over the years in numerous Jewish and non-Jewish groups, especially those concerned with handicapped children and sports. He is currently a director of the Jewish Hospital of Hope and the Beth Hamedrash Tifereth Israel Synagogue. The fifth annual march will cover 25 kilometres.

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MISSIONS SET

Three missions to Israel in 1977 have already been confirmed. The first, led by **Brenda** and **Kenny Flanz**, is a family Passover trip leaving at the end of March. A leadership mission in May led by Combined Jewish Appeal chairman **Martin Levine** is the second, and the third, to be led by former chairman **Norman Spector**, is set to coincide with the Maccabean Games in July. Anyone interested in going on any of these missions should call **Joe King** at 735-3541.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Jewish Historical Society of Montreal was constituted last month at a meeting convened by **Saul Hayes**. The association here will be affiliated with the national historical society and Canadian Jewish Congress.

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TREE OF LIFE

The 15th annual mid-winter regional convention of the Women of Chabad-Lubavitch, an encounter for Jewish women and girls, will be held the weekend of Feb. 4-6 at the Capri Hotel. Theme this year is Tree of Life (Torah), Its Fruits (Mitzvos) and Our Ecology. Keynote speaker scheduled is **Rabbi Sholomber Lipskar** from Miami. Greetings have already been received from Education Minister and Vice Premier **Jacques Yvan Morin.**

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WORD CONCERT

On Wednesday Jan. 12, 1977 at 8:00 p.m. the Harvey Golden Institute lecture series presents **Hertz Grosbard** in a "Yiddish Word Concert". The lecture will take place in the Grover Auditorium of the YM-YWHA, 5500 Westbury Ave. Grosbard, world-renowned interpreter of Yiddish literature, specializes in the creative interpretation of Yiddish classic and modern writing. He brings an entirely new form of entertainment to the stage.

From day El Al was established, knockers, k-nockers have carped

IN MY VIEW
By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL —

It has been said of El Al that it is an airline designed for the knockers and the k-nockers.

A knocker is one who always knocks, complains and criticizes without stop, a real nudge, and whose carping should be confined to gefilte fish on Friday night.

A k-nocker is well, you know, a k-nocker, a big shot, a VIP Aiyahyaiyah-yai...(That's the top grade of Israel's VIP's: A simple Very Important Person; a VIPI, Very important Person Indeed; and a VIP AIYAHYAIYAHYAI...)

Anyway, the knockers and the k-nockers have been having a field day with El Al almost from the minute it was born to this very day when, besides other virtues, it enjoys **kein ein horah**, a security system and record nonpareil.

With Montreal the national headquarters of El Al in Canada, the lively and perceptive general manager Dov Adiv has learned since he took over from Joram Kagan early in 1976 that at least half the job is keeping the knockers and k-nockers happy.

The knockers are those, mainly, who would like to be treated as k-nockers, and if they have nothing else to complain about, they are reduced to criticizing the **chutzpah** of the cabin crew which, were cabin crews of such airlines as Air Canada or British Airways capable of showing it, would be described as charmingly informal.

Dov Adiv, at the El Al headquarters on Dorchester Boulevard, and Moshe Mishal, supervising the highly-efficient personnel at the airport, are exemplary diplomats in dealing with the knockers and the k-nockers.

The question is whether these friendly confrontations and accommodations will continue if, as and when Canada becomes still another source of charters between North America and Israel.

Israel is ending one of its best tourist years on record and, although much of the credit can go to El Al's expertise in logistics and security, there is good reason to recognize the contribution from this past year's charter flights to Israel from West Germany, Scandinavia and Los Angeles.

A recent edition of the New York Times reported that charters to Israel will be launched in the early fall from Boston, and the word around Montreal and Toronto is that Canada may not be far behind.

I realize that El Al's top leadership, particularly its chairman, Mordechai Ben Ari, has been resisting charters because they are feared as a competitive threat; but I think the realities of new conditions in the Middle East can set the stage for a tourist industry in Israel that can only continue to grow.

Given a relatively extended period of military, if not political calm, there are few countries that can match Israel in terms of attracting everyone from the mass market with modest income to the luxury trade patronizing such five-star hostelries as the Hiltons in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem; CP Hotels Jerusalem Plaza and its soon-to-open operation at Lake Tiberias; and that never-to-be-matched institution, the King David in Jerusalem.

All this to say nothing of the high potential for convention business.

Now back to the knockers and the k-nockers:

With charter flights on the horizon from eastern Canada and the northeastern United States, a large question raised is what the knockers will have to complain about if the unique, friendly **chutzpah** they're exposed to during an El Al flight, will be replaced by super-efficient, impersonal attitudes of charter crews.

And will k-nockers expect to get the same VIP treatment if they cannot resist the substantially cheaper fares of the charters?

Somewhere along the line, Dov Adiv and his experts will have to come up with some new gimmick in order to compete with the charters.

El Al — airline of knockers and k-nockers

Groups stage two-hour vigil

MONTREAL —

The Montreal Committee for Soviet Jewry, the Group of 35's and the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, mounted a two-hour vigil in front of the Soviet Consulate in Montreal on Dec. 23rd, to mark the anniversary of Leningrad trials and to protest the harassment of organizers and participants of the recent Jewish cultural symposium which was branded as illegal by Soviet authorities. (The symposium went ahead in a reduced form after a wave of arrests of organizers and participants; a number of visitors from the United States, Israel, Britain and Sweden, who had planned to come, were refused visas).

The Montreal groups marked the anniversary of the Leningrad Trials also by a public notice entitled "Dare We Forget the Leningrad Trials of 1970?", pointing out that "the USSR is a signatory to the International Declaration of Human Rights; is a signatory to the Helsinki Agreement and guarantees freedom of movement by signing the above and many other international Agreements", and yet "today eight people who attempted to exercise these rights are still languishing in Soviet labour camps". The statement listed the names of the eight Prisoners of Conscience.

Approves Israeli-Quebec relations

Archbishop rejects Zionism-racism link

By MEL SOLMAN

MONTREAL —

Archbishop of Montreal Paul Gregoire has said in an interview in the Canada-Israel Committee publication Regards Sur Israel, that he rejects all attempts to equate Zionism with racism.

Zionism is a political movement of "humanitarian inspiration whose principal aim has been to offer a national home to a persecuted and dispersed people," the archbishop told editor Michael Solomon.

He emphasized that Zionism, as the ideology responsible for the renaissance of a Jewish state, "has never aimed to establish the superiority of a so-called 'Jewish race'.

"I therefore reject," he said, "the intention of some who put racism and Zionism on equal footing."

He stressed, on the other hand, the real dangers of the Marxist-Leninist dialectic which, he felt, represented a serious challenge to the moral heritage of the Bible. He called for a united front of all believers to counter this "menace".

As for a comparison of Quebec and Israel, Archbishop Gregoire said the Israeli population is largely composed of Jews who have survived endless persecution.

"I don't think that Quebeckers have suffered anything in comparison," he remarked.

While he expressed approval for solid relations between Quebec and Israel, he said that this liaison should be based on "the positive values of our two ethnic groups and particularly on our common heritage, the Bible."

View of Jews in Florida

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Neither the Canada-Israel Committee nor Canadian Jewish Congress were aware of the article when contacted by The CJN.

"It is not racist to consider people as different," Taschereau told The Canadian Jewish News in defending his description of Florida's Jews. He explained that he used the Jewish and, briefly, Cuban communities as examples of ethnic groups who had maintained strong cultural identities in contrast to the experience of most French Canadians who had moved to Florida.

"It's important to keep in mind that I was only talking about Jews in Miami and not all Jews. I know enough Jews to know that there is poverty among Jews in Montreal."

Before including the questionable reference to Jews in the article, Taschereau asked himself and editor-in-chief Jean Pare if it was racist. "We decided that being racist was to attack someone for what he is. The description was used only to illustrate why I did not feel at home there (in Florida)."

Pare was not available for comment at the time.

"Up until now we have had no reason to not have total faith in Jean Pare," Gordon Kennedy said. "Any hurt felt should be recorded formally in a letter to Pare or me for an official comment."

The Joint Community Relations Committee of Congress had been looking into an article that appeared in the Dec. 11 issue of Weekend Magazine, which has a circulation of 1,800,000 across Canada, about leading Quebec publisher Pierre Peladeau. The article by Linda Diebel quoted Peladeau as saying in an off-hand way that he believed in karma (an expression borrowed from Hindu philosophy meaning fate or destiny) and he attributed his success to this. He then said karma explained what happened to Jews in World War II. No official comment has been received yet from Weekend editor John Macfarlane.

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TALLAHASSEE — In terms of accommodations, it is easy to understand how Florida can cater to nearly every visitor's whim and wallet.

The state has more than 6,200 hotels and motels offering about 270,000 rooms. Facilities range from cottages to condominiums, resorts to racquet clubs, and for 1977, many are new, refurbished or expanded.

Miami's first new major hotel in 11 years will open spring 1977: Omni International Hotel, part of the $76-million megastructure encompassing 10.5 acres in downtown Miami.

The 20-storey, 556-room hotel will be the last segment of the spectacular Omni to open. The enclosed mall, with 140 shops on multi-layered levels, is expected to open early 1977.

The structure also will house six theatres, eight restaurants and "Fantasy Fair", part of the entertainment segment designed by Sid and Marty Krofft.

Other new properties in the Greater Miami area include the 114-room Miami Airways Motel in Miami Springs, now open, and the 10-storey, 251-room Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel, scheduled to open spring 1977.

On Florida's upper east coast, the Royal Holiday Beach Motel opened its doors in Daytona Beach shores.

Central Florida boasts two new Spanish-style inns: the Hilton in Lakeland, a $2.5-million property with 156 rooms, and the Fiesta in Kissimmee, with 200 rooms.

Vacation Kingdom, a 300-room hotel, opened on Florida Highway 192, four miles west of Walt Disney World's main gate.

Major improvements have been made at many established hotels and motels throughout the state.

On the northeast coast, the Holiday Inn-Jacksonville Airport will open 40 rental units and two tennis courts this fall. The Jacksonville Hilton's extensive, $2-million renovation project will be completed this month. The hotel also added a restaurant and lounge.

Along Florida's famed southeast coast, improvements have been made in accommodations from Pompano Beach to Key West.

In Pompano Beach, the Lighthouse Cove Resort Motel added 40 rooms and the Sands Harbor Inn and Marina refurbished its rooms, enclosed the parking lot and added a beauty shop.

At Riviera Beach, the Hilton Inn of the Palm Beaches completed its renovation last month.

Five Fort Lauderdale hotels have undergone or will undergo expansion programs. Pier 66 Hotel & Marina is refurbishing its dining room, lobby, lounge and ballroom, and improving the marina.

Improvements at the Galt Ocean Mile include refurbished and redecorated rooms, dining area and ballroom, plus re-landscaped grounds.

The Lago Mar Hotel plans a $1-million expansion program, including 15 oceanfront suites and two tennis courts. The Sheraton-Yankee Clipper Hotel converted some of its function rooms into deluxe hotel rooms. The Sunrise Inn spent $1 million on a total facelift and added a gift shop and disco-pub.

In nearby Miami Beach, constant changes and improvements in accommodations help the city maintain its status as the largest concentration of luxury resorts in the world.

Vacationers staying at the Eden Rock Hotel ride in a gondola or motor launch to reach the hotel's new private tennis club on a nearby tropical island. At the Konover Hotel, $250,000 was spent to renovate the movie theater.

Within the next year, the Fontainebleau Hotel will spend $400,000 upgrading its rooms. An Italian-style restaurant opens this fall.

The Deauville Hotel recently completed a $2.5-million renovation project. The hotel remodeled its dining room, meeting rooms, ballroom and nightclub and refurbished all 600 guest rooms.

At the Carillon, 400 of the facility's 600 rooms have been redone. Work on the final 200 is slated for summer 1977. The Carriage House recently completed a major refurbishment of all rooms and public areas.

The Holiday Inn, Miami Springs, opened its Tree Top Restaurant and Lounge. The restaurant is the first step in a $1.5-million expansion program, which will include a nine-storey, 80-room tower with a presidential suite and specially designed rooms for the handicapped. Sixty new rooms are ready for occupancy at the Indies Inn on Duck Key in the Florida Keys.

Emil Aufgang lights candle on final night of Chanukah at party given for Toronto travel agents by Arie Raif, Israel vice-consul for touristic affairs. Looking on is Dahlia Raif. (David Groskind photo)

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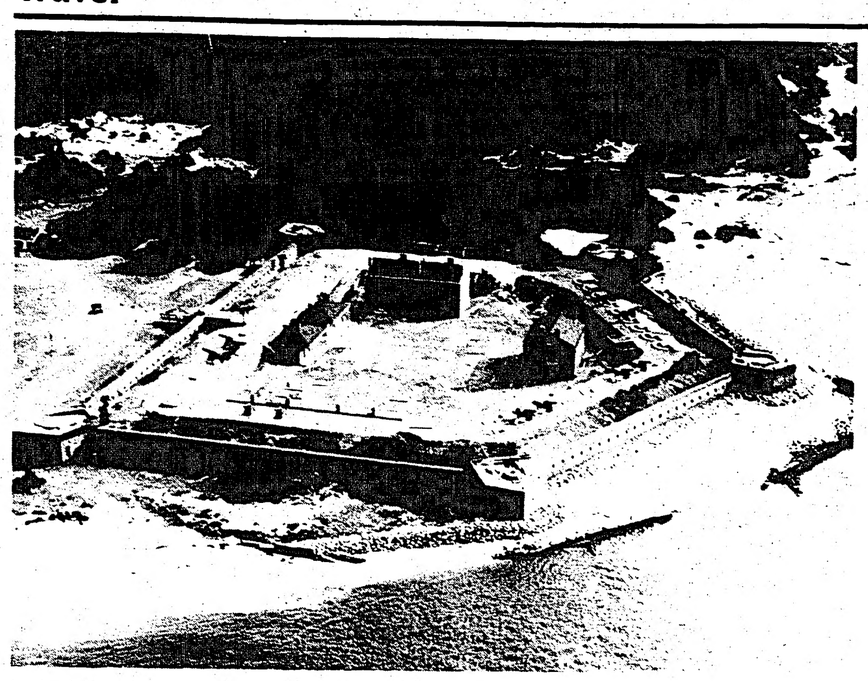

An intriguing site on Florida Bicentennial Trail is Fort Clinch on the northern tip of Amelia Island in northeast Florida. Both Confederate and Union troops occupied the fort during the Civil War without a single shot being fired. Overlooking Cumberland Sound, Fort Clinch is now a state park. (Florida photo)

Florida popular with Canadians

MIAMI —

Florida is by far the most popular destination for Canadian sunseekers. The Sunshine State offers the winter-weary beaches galore as well as attractions — many of them combining education and amusement. This year visitors can expect a number of new and improved attractions.

Storming into the entertainment arena in Central Florida is Hurricane World, about two miles east of Orlando.

Highlights of the $5-million, 20-acre complex, scheduled to open early this year, are the tropical storm testing facility, a mini-theatre for hurricane films, a museum and what is billed as the scariest ride yet designed by man, an aerial hurricane ride called The Eye.

Wet 'N' Wild, another new attraction in the area, will offer the thrills and pleasures of more calming recreational waters. Situated approximately three miles from Sea World and 10 miles from Walt Disney World, the water-themed park features a Canadian Water Caper playground, a two-acre Surf Lagoon and an 80-foot-diameter Teenage Puddle Jumper Pool. Wet 'N' Wild is due to open in March.

For those interested in a mystical environment, Orlando's new Mystery Fun House offers an experience where the unexpected is expected. Mystery Fun House combines fact, fiction and fantasy in a 10-room mansion filled with exotic, occult collections.

Showman and naturalist Ross Allen has moved his reptilian complex from Silver Springs to Sarasota Jungle Gardens, and will launch a new Fort Myers attraction, Ross Allen's Wildlife Park, this month. The eight-acre park, located at the Shell Factory, includes displays of animals in the new "uncaged" concept, shows with trained birds and demonstrations with alligators and very large snakes. Camera fans will appreciate the tropical birds in their natural habitat.

Visitors to the state's Tropical Coast at West Palm Beach will have a new $2-million park to play in. Lion Country Safari Amusement Park, with 15 wild rides, should be open this month.

At Miami's Planet Ocean, an entertainment/research facility, viewers are introduced to the wondrous environment of the everchanging seas. The attraction, which serves as world headquarters for the International Oceanographic Foundation, began operation in 1976 and will complete its seven major theme exhibits in 1977, including special water effects portraying the vital functions of the world's oceans.

Always creating its own special environment, Walt Disney World continues to expand and innovate.

The "world's newest world," River Country, which recently opened adjacent to the Fort Wilderness Campground, already is slated for expansion. But like all Disney projects, the double-its-size expansion will be planned to the last detail before construction begins. River Country more than fulfils a need for splashers who frolic around the family-oriented Ol' Swimmin' Hole. Other attractions include the Upstream Plunge, White Water Rapids raft ride, Whoop 'n' Holler, The Ol' Wading Pool, Slippery Slide Falls, the Play Pool and the Nature Trail.

Orlando's Sea World unveiled its $2-million Atlantis Theatre in November. The 5,000-seat theatre perched on the edge of a 17-acre lagoon, has a spectacular design for aquatic shows, live entertainment, televised water sports and theatrical productions.

For visitors who wish to run away from it all, Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey's Circus World expanded the "Greatest Place on Earth" in spring 1976. A special highlight is the "Participation Circus," where guests can walk the high wire, fly on the trapeze or have their faces painted like a clown.

Helping to maintain Central Florida's status as America's leading family resort destination, Stars Hall of Fame, the intriguing wax museum dedicated to movie/television entertainers, plans a major theatrical facelift for 1977.

Silver Springs, also in Central Florida, recently completed a $5-million, five-year renovation program. Environment engineers and design consultants quietly created Cypress Point by transforming an untouched cypress wilderness into an enchanting island.

In Tampa, Florida's second most popular visitor attraction, Busch Gardens, unleashed the Python in July, 1976. Part of a $7.6-million expansion-improvement program under way at the gardens, the Python is proclaimed to be the ultimate in thrill rides. Visitors, held in place by gravitational force, speed through two 360-degree loops in cars reaching 50 m.p.h.

The Aquatarium and Zoological Gardens, in St. Petersburg Beach, opened its new attraction, Shark World, in September, 1976. Hundreds of man-eating sharks swim and feed at eye-level windows in the world's largest marine tank.

Sarasota broadens its cultural horizons with the grand opening of the Ringling Museum of the Circus' new building in January. The structure, situated on the grounds of the Ringling Museum complex, is fashioned after a 19th century Parisian circus amphitheatre.

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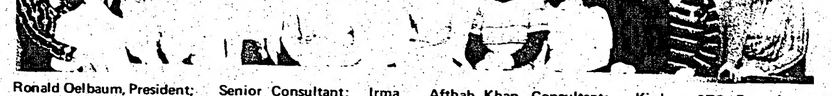

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This unusual family shot has Asher Yadlin, former Kupat Holim chairman accused of taking bribes, along with his wife (behind him), his mistress of two years, Talia Livni, and his three children. (Israel Press Agency)

Statistical gems reveal mood of Israeli society

By YORAM KESSEL

JERUSALEM (JCNS) — Statistics can, and often do, adequately reflect the true mood of a situation even better than the imaginative and sophisticated individual observer. Such may or may not be the case with the following "statistical gems". Although the figures and percentages compiled by the Central Bureau of Statistics relate to 1975, in many ways they throw light on facets, large and small, of Israel today.

Population

In terms of population the average Jewish household in Israel comprises 3.5 persons; the average non-Jewish household 6.3. One in every six families comprises at least six persons but among Jews these large families constitute only 17%. Among non-Jews it is 57% of all families.

The statistical trend shows that whereas at present the non-Jewish population is 13% of the nation, in 1990 it will comprise a fifth, with four million Jews and one million non-Jews.

Housing

Slum housing is being alleviated all the time. Now only 4.2% of the Jewish population — 30,000 families — lives at a density of three or more persons to a room, compared with 7.5% five years ago, and over 10% in 1967.

Twelve percent of Israeli homes employ a char on a regular basis to help with housework. Most who do are well established Israelis. New immigrants rarely have household help.

Urban families normally have 1.5 working members with the average annual income for 1975 in the typical urban household at about $1,500. In one way, despite rising incomes, the gap appears to be growing, at least for the poorest in the country. Whereas in 1967 only 1.8% of people were included in the lowest of 10 income groups, now three percent are crowded into that category while 14% now, as compared with 11% in 1967, are in the three lowest of 10 income brackets.

Pastimes

Despite a fall-off in cinema attendance, the cinema remains the most popular form of entertainment outside the home. Out of every 100 persons, 45 go regularly to the cinema as compared with 16 to museums, 12 to the theatre and five to concerts. Eighty percent of Israelis read at least one newspaper daily, a figure which has remained constant over the past decade.

Occupations

There has been a significant tailing off in the number of persons employed in farming. Now only 80,400 Israelis are described as farmers compared with 104,100 in 1967. Over the same period there has, however, been a 50% increase in agricultural output.

Status of women

1975 was International Women's Year and appropriately much emphasis was placed by statisticians in assessing the status of Israeli women. For the first time since Independence this was the year when women outnumbered men. For every 998 men there are now 1,000 women. In 1948, men outnumbered women 1,069 to each 1,000. Males outnumber females in the age brackets up to 30 but above that the women predominate.

A total of 73,200 Jewish women gave birth last year and 22,400 of their non-Jewish counterparts. This fertility rate leads the scientists to predict that the average Jewish woman will bear 3.2 children in her lifetime and the average non-Jewish woman 6.8. Women outlive men, their live expectancy being 74.5 as against 71. On the other hand 164 women committed suicide in 1975, compared with 108 men.

Women now account for a third of the labor force but a third of the 377,000 women who do work outside the home are on a part-time basis. Nearly half of the working women are employed in service industries and only 6% in industry.

Education

An interesting curve is determined by the pattern of female education. Whereas in primary schooling they account for half the number of pupils, in secondary schools they are 54% of the student population and high schools as distinct from trade schools, 63%. But of Israel's 100,000 university graduates only 37% are women and among those who obtained doctorates in philosophy, the percentage falls off to 14. Another favorite use to which these annual statistics are put is in the perennial debate over whether the socio-economical gap between Jews of Western and Oriental backgrounds is in fact closing. If the statistical trends are accurate it is doing so, but the gap has not closed completely.

Of overcrowded families (three or more to a room) 8.8% are Jews of Oriental background (compared with the general Jewish figure of 4.2%). However, this represents decline from the 11.2% figure for Oriental Jews 10 years ago.

At kindergarten and primary schools only 66% of Jews of Oriental background are studying compared to 83% of those of European descent. Ten years ago the percentages were 55 and 72.

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By RICK KARDONNE

Ilana Vered's Toronto debut, as part of the Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation "Amici" Series, completely fulfilled my high expectations: it was truly an exceptionally electrifying musical event.

She is that rare, perfect, combination of flawless technique and total emotional involvement. Her interpretation is blessedly uncontrolled, spanning the total gut range from clear, gentle delicacy to the most forcefully definitive exclamation.

This is romantic bravura at its best. Even her loudest fortissimos naturally fit into the total framework of her complete dramatic conceptualization of each piece and distinguishes this Israeli performer as an interpretative artist who evokes constant stimulation of the soul.

For each selection on her repertoire, she not only gave the correct interpretation of each work's relevant period; she was equally at home in all periods.

Thus, for the two Chopin pieces she performed (the opening **Sonata #3 in B Minor**, whose final movement is most familiar; and **Andante Spianato-Grande Polonaise Op. 22**), the mood was one of flamboyant grandeur, beginning with her confident attack on the tour-de-force sonata at the very beginning of the concert.

But with Ravel's **Jeux d'Eau** and both Debussy pieces (**La Cathedrale Englouite** and the familiar **Clair de Lune**) the feeling was entirely different; a sensual subtlety which emphasized the constantly changing whole-tone harmonies.

With Erik Satie's **Gymnopedie No. 3** (recently revived by the original Blood Sweat & Tears) the tone was of even more refined, gentle sublimation; but with her brilliant encore, Paul Ben-Chaim's dynamic **Toccata**, the mood was the exact opposite: hard-edge taut dissonance, climaxing in the mighty razor-sharp finale.

Ilana Vered — "one of the all time greats"

The St. Lawrence Centre Town Hall wasn't completely full. But the audience, which included some of Toronto's most respected serious music personalities, was as exhilarated by the evening as was I. For the feeling was unanimous: Ilana Vered is one of the all-time greats.

HOLY BLOSSOM PERFORMING ARTS SERIES: Also greatly enriching the Toronto Jewish winter season is the commendably ambitious Holy Blossom Temple Performing Arts Series, which is bringing to town three first-rate concerts.

For those who missed the Dec. 5 concert by the distinguished Canadian Jewish pianist Robert Silverman (as well as those fortunate enough to have been there), there are two more not-to-be missed evenings:

On Saturday Jan. 15, Israel's Nesher Puppets — those four-foot-high puppets which have done much to elevate puppetry to a serious dramatic art form — will perform Chaim Nachman Bialik's delightful folk classic **Bat Hamelech** (The King's Daughter). Accompanying music and lyrics were created by the Israeli poet Dahlia Hertz.

And, on Sunday May 15, there will be an evening with Eli Wallach and Anne Jackson; consisting of a most entertaining selection of readings, skits and dramatizations from the vast store of performances by one of today's most admired and beloved showbiz couples.

Bronx Jews form 'eruv'

NEW YORK [JTA] — Bronx Borough President Robert Abrams has proclaimed the formation of an "eruv" in the Riverdale section of New York. An eruv is a common community area within which Orthodox Jews are exempted from the religious law which prohibits the carrying of any items on public streets on the Sabbath and on Jewish holy days.

The formation of the eruv was made possible after months of meetings between religious leaders in the Riverdale community and representatives of Con Edison and the N.Y. Telephone Company, who were tremendously helpful and cooperative. The boundaries of the eruv are defined by existing fences and by utility poles with special slats attached to form a symbolic fence surrounding the community.

Abrams stated: "While this action will in no way restrict access to or use of the area by non-Jews, it will be of tremendous religious significance to Orthodox Jews who observe the holy laws. By forming the eruv, we will enable Orthodox Jews to carry prayer shawls and prayer books to and from their synagogues for religious services. They will also be able to wheel baby carriages throughout the community on Saturdays and other holy days, something which is of great importance to many young families in the Riverdale area."

Without an eruv," Abrams said, "observant families were often kept restricted to their homes on holy days. I am sure all Riverdale residents will join me in extending our best wishes to these families and in hoping they will enjoy the freedom and mobility this eruv will make possible."

Abrams said he had agreed to authorize the formation of the eruv after the idea was presented to him by Rabbis Avraham Weiss and Mordecai Willig and after meetings with the Orthodox Jewish Rabbinate of Riverdale and the Riverdale Eruv Committee.

Quebec accept PLO?

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The office is festooned with a poster of Yasser Arafat, PLO flags and PLO literature. Still in the stage of establishing itself, the Association Quebec-Palestine hopes the office will serve more and more as an "information centre."

Faraj would not specify how many members it enjoyed but did say the association has chapters in other parts of Quebec. Its support comes from trade unions, students and certain political groups.

A teacher at a French high school, Faraj objects to being called the "unofficial spokesman" for the PLO in Montreal, as he is referred to in Lust's article. A Canadian citizen, he claims he cannot speak for a non-Canadian group and must be simply considered a PLO sympathizer.

Palestinian-born Faraj has lived in Montreal seven years. For three years he was vice president of the Arab Federation here. He is not, and never was, he said, a member of the PQ.

With the growth of the information office, Faraj says he will try, as the PLO has been doing over the past couple of years, to present an image of peaceful cooperation with its opponents. He is eager to meet with Jewish groups.

"We are not against Jews as such, nor are we against the Montreal Jewish community. Our possible future information office here would not disseminate hatred against Jews. Far from it. We would be interested to meet as many local Jewish citizens as possible."

Faraj told The Canadian Jewish News the association did not intend to destroy the Zionist movement, but rather explain the Arab position to Jews who have been "misled" by the Zionists.

Faraj could not explain the contradictions between this and Charbonneau's vow at the press conference held after the Tripoli conference that the Zionist movement in Quebec must be destroyed.

The Canadian Arab Federation will hold its annual convention in May in Montreal. Last year's convention was held in Edmonton where former External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen was guest speaker. Faraj said Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau has declined an invitation to be this year's guest speaker.

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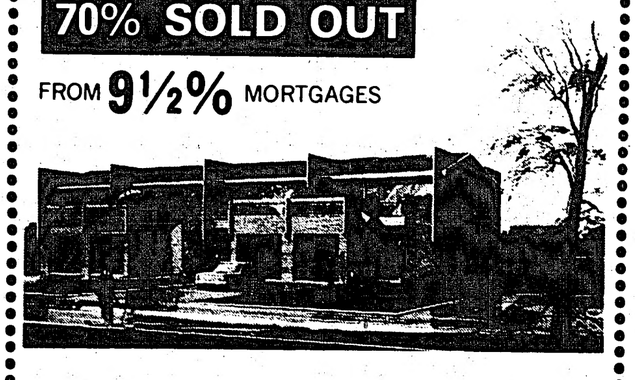

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Brun, Josef - On Dec. 16, late of 130 Bannockburn Ave.
Dalter, Harvey - On Dec. 20, late of 52 Lonsdale Ave.
Dubinsky, Bessie - On Dec. 26, late of 27 Hotspur Rd.
Eisen, Pearl - On Dec. 9, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Freedman, Goldie - On Dec. 21, late of 655 Briar Hill
Field, Robert - On Dec. 16, late of 39 Foursome Cres.
Fine, Samuel - On Dec. 22, late of 203 Glen Ayr Rd.
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ISAAC LEVITT
Mary Levitt and family wish to extend their sincere gratitude to all their friends and relatives for the kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy received during their recent bereavement.

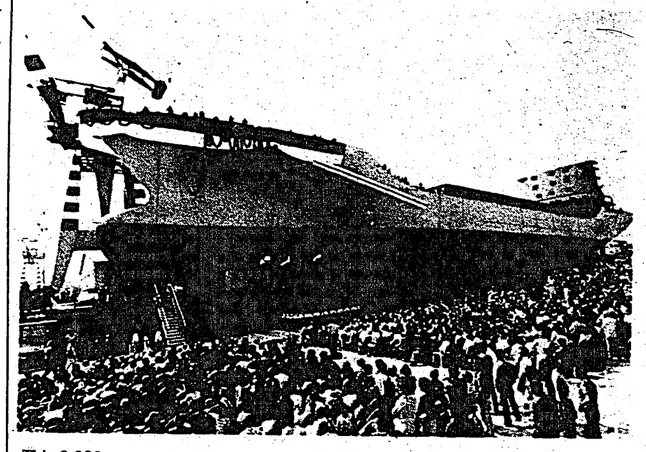
Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto, on behalf of the Board, Membership, Staff and Parents of Students of the Associated, express our deepest sorrow to the Joseph Levine family and to Dr. Lou Myers on the passing of their beloved daughter, wife and sister

MOLLY LEVINE MYERS ז"ל

May they find consolation in their dedicated work in the cause of Jewish education.

—Samuel Shainhouse, President

Thousands came to celebrate the first anniversary of the illegal settlement of Kadum in Samaria. It was organized by the Gush Emunim movement. (IPPA)



This 9,000-ton container vessel is launched from the Israel Ship Yard in Haifa. Hundreds of workers and guests turned out at ceremonies. Ship is called Vered.

Post-Bicentennial exhibits museums, attract vacationers

WASHINGTON —
For the traveller to the U.S. who thought he saw everything during the 1976 Bicentennial celebration, 1977 should come as a travel surprise. A variety of new events, attractions and facilities has been planned for vacationers.

St. Louis' Museum of Western Expansion will offer visitors an opportunity to step into the past by stepping underground. The museum is actually located below ground level, adjacent to the city's landmark Gateway Arch.

This unique museum lets visitors experience the story of America's westward expansion from the viewpoint of key people involved in the West's acquisition and settlement.

By combining artifacts, animals, a sod house, an Indian teepee, old photos, paintings, murals and projected scenes, the museum presents the new territory as it might have appeared to members of the first expedition of discovery in the early 19th century.

A room full of unusual bird cages, a conservatory with a Tiffany glass ceiling, and one of the few remaining private gardens in the heart of Manhattan are among the reasons for visiting the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Design — the Cooper-Hewitt Museum — housed in the Carnegie mansion on Fifth Avenue.

Most of the museum's extensive permanent collection of earthenware, porcelain, woodwork, stoneware, jewelry, glass, furniture, prints and drawings is open only to researchers. But temporary exhibits drawn from the collection will keep visitors coming back to the museum for more.

Thankfully, one exhibit will be on permanent display — an entire room filled with birdcages. These aren't the ordinary kind that house the family canary, but are treasures of jewels, carved mahogany, wire and leather coming from many countries and spanning many centuries.

Even without the Smithsonian exhibits, a visit to the Cooper-Hewitt would be well worth the trip. One of the few survivors of an era when many mansions graced Fifth Avenue, this neo-Georgian brick masterpiece was built for Andrew Carnegie in 1901.

Historical restorations were a hallmark of the Bicentennial era. But tourists with a yen for history will find a number of restored landmarks and living history attractions to hold their interest in 1977 as well.

Opening of the north and south buildings of the Faneuil Hall Marketplace in Boston will round out the complex where the old Quincy Market was restored in 1976.

The Faneuil Hall Marketplace is rich in history, but visitors will also enjoy the marketplace for shopping, dining and just plain people-watching.

To satisfy the taste buds, 17 eating places offer a variety of foods including such delights as freshly shucked clams, oysters and lobster rolls as well as Italian and French foods.

Stalls and booths in the marketplace will offer tempting mounds of fresh fruit, vegetables, fish and cheeses. And to complete the scene there's an extensive flower market with a greenhouse, displays of historic market photos and prints, and street entertainers.

Living history farms have sprung up all across the U.S. in recent years, giving visitors a chance to observe and participate in the rural lifestyles of bygone eras.

The Wheeler Living History Farm in Salt Lake City will be completed in 1977 and will offer tours of the 1890-vintage farm house which once belonged to a nephew of Mormon leader Brigham Young.

Visiting farm hands can help feed the chickens, milk the cows, plant potatoes or harvest squash.

LZA leader criticizes meeting

NEW YORK —
Criticizing the recent meeting in London of World Zionist Organization leaders, the head of the world Labor Zionist Alliance declared last week that "unfortunately there was no rallying of the Zionist forces to meet the many and anticipated challenges facing the Zionist movement."

Judah J. Shapiro, president of the Labor Zionist Alliance, said his criticism was on the lack of a "definite plan and procedures for the Zionist movement to be able to arrange for a World Zionist Congress."

Arts

Jews in the 'gold paved land'

Photos depict world of our fathers

books
By BERNARD BASKIN

The New Country
By Abraham Shulman
John Wiley & Sons $14.95

Once again, Abraham Shulman, editor of the much acclaimed **The Old Country**, has assembled a remarkable group of photographs.

His earlier book lovingly depicted 19th and early 20th century Jews of Eastern Europe in their surprising diversity. His new volume is concerned with those Jews who emigrated to "The Gold Paved Land" and how they fared.

In his helpful and incisive introduction the author emphasizes the shock and trauma of adjustment and how the newcomers successfully and resourcefully found haven.

The photos, many reproduced from the files of the Jewish Daily Forward, depict the immigrants — most of them in New York city — as they go about their work, observe holidays, raise their children and attend family celebrations.

Especially noteworthy are a series of photos that deal with the Yiddish theatre and the agricultural settlements developed by the new residents in various parts of the United States. This is a book that shows us what Irving Howe told us in **World Of Our Fathers**.

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Toronto Council of Chazzanim concert demonstrates city's stature in liturgy

music
By RICK KARDONNE

Cantor Kirshblum

Toronto is now a major centre for Jewish liturgy, as demonstrated by the recent Toronto Council of Chazzanim concert at Shaarei Shomayim, which was as fine an evening of chazanuth as can be heard anywhere in the world today.

I still stand by my statement made 18 months ago that Misha Alexandrovich is not only the greatest living cantor in the world today; he is probably the greatest living concert singer as well.

Why? Because, besides having a voice which is distinctly his, he is basically a great dramatic actor steeped in the classic grandeur tradition, with an instinctive flair for definitive emotional contrast.

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Thus, following the pure spiritual power of Rozummi's **Hamachbeh as Haner**, Cantor Alexandrovich displayed his unique Yiddishkeit-rooted dramatic versatility with an extremely true rendition of **Der Chazzan and Der Gabbai**. Here he conveyed all the comic-pathos raconteur nuances of this gently satiric and totally true-to-life musical story.

Equally impressive were the numbers and vocal skills of the other Toronto cantors: from the clear bell-like tone of Louis Danto, to the supple, fleshier baritone of Severin Weingort, to the deliberately piercing dramatic effect of Eliezer Kirshblum to the equally sensitive versatility of Sheldon Merel, Joseph Cooper and Harold Klein.

All these voices superbly blended qualities of lyrical refinement, folksiness and — when it was called for — appropriate power.

The backup choir, conducted by David Young, overcame the inherent problem of balancing boy sopranos with mature basses and tenors in a thrilling, tightly polished rendition of Machtenberg's rousing **Uvyom Hashabos.**

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Toronto was extremely fortunate to hear its North American premiere recently, as part of the New Music Concert series at the U of T Edward Johnson building.

The format is traditionally caballistic, with syllables only of the Hebrew words (roughly translating as "today man is opening up") being used as purely musical material forming an integral part of a surreal-impressionistic, rather than a literally-explicatory, context.

The music is a totally natural blend of ancient Hebraic liturgy in the form of caballistic-derived chants, with a slightly jazzy dissonant recapitulation.

Except for the fact that the two women singers (Mary Morrison and Patricia Rideout) needed stronger microphones as they were sometimes drowned out by the horns, the performance of **N'Shima** matched the brilliant impact of this truly momentous composition.

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